



# Office of Fire Prevention and Control

Bureau of Fire Prevention

## Campus Fire Safety Bulletin

### Sound the Alarm!

So you discover a fire, what next? You begin to leave the building, relying on the evacuation plan you have committed to memory. Is there any thing else you should do? Certainly - sound the alarm and alert others. Do you know how?

The majority of buildings on campus have fire alarm systems designed to alert occupants in time of emergency. The Fire Code of New York State and OSHA standards require employees to be familiar with installed fire alarm systems in their work areas.



Personal responsibility should motivate everyone to be knowledgeable in the activation and sound of the fire alarm systems in the buildings where they live work and play.

Unfortunately because of the dangerous and criminal behavior of some, pulling false alarms, special covers may be installed on the manual pull stations. This is more common in areas prone to a high frequency of this malicious activity. Intended to be a deterrent to the would-be criminal prankster, these covers emit a high-pitched, loud alarm when opened. For good Samaritans sounding an actual alarm, they need to understand they still need to "pull the hook" in order to activate the building alarm system.



Everyone needs to know if activating the building alarm system sends notification to the Fire Department, for if it doesn't, be sure to call from a safe location.

**SF406.3.2 Evacuation training.** Employees shall be familiarized with the fire alarm and evacuation signals,...



### Do you know how to sound the alarm?

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