

Emergency Code Response for Laboratory areas McMaster University Medical Center

Code Red	
<p>FIRE Slow pulse</p>	<p>Stand by, check your entire lab for smoke, heat, fire and prepare to turn off equipment and close fume hoods to make the lab as safe as possible</p>
<p>Three pulse, pause, three pulse</p>	<p>Evacuate the building by the nearest fire exit by the exterior wall of the building. Remove all persons from smoke or fire Ensure doors are closed Activate nearest fire pull station – at fire escape Call 5555, state Code Red, exact location Try to put out the fire with a hand held fire extinguisher Do not use elevators – fire stairs are at the outside walls of the building Take attendance if possible.</p>
Code Green	
<p>EVACUATE</p>	<p>Code Green “standby” - prepare for evacuation. Turn off all equipment, close fume hoods, make the area safe, be aware of escape routes (fire stairwells are at the exterior of the building) Code Green “in effect” ...evacuate the building but elevators are reserved for the disabled or patients in beds. If possible, meet in a predetermined location to take attendance</p>
Code Grey	
<p>LOSS OF SERVICES</p>	<p>Generally, there is no urgency for action. Assess the situation. Either the crisis management team will communicate a decision for the building or the supervisor in the local area can make a decision depending on the local impact. Assess the hazard which now may exist in the lab due to loss of service such as no fume hood exhaust, thawing freezers etc and make plans for dealing with the situation per your emergency protocols</p>
Code black	
<p>BOMB THREAT</p>	<p>All areas... 1. complete a visual search & sweep of their area, note any unusual item 2. negative findings: call 24956 to report 3. positive findings: immediately call ext 5555</p>
Code White/Purple/Silver	
	<p>Violent person or hostage taking or shooting Follow the posted Lockdown Protocol</p>
Code Amber/Yellow,	
	<p>Lost patient or child Call 5555 to report if found</p>

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