

# IV. FIRE SAFETY



# Did you know...

The most common fires in our hospital are caused by:

- Microwave carelessness (burning popcorn)
- Space heaters (which are prohibited )



Prevention is **THE KEY**



# Take Note



- **ALL Fire Alarms should be considered “the real thing”**
- **Do not** talk about fire in public areas since this may unnecessarily alarm patients or visitors
- **NEVER** shout “FIRE”! Patients look to you for protection not panic.
- Appear calm and move with assurance.



## When fire alarms sound....

- **All corridor traffic must stop!!**
- Close all doors
- Review Fire Plan with co-workers
- Keep visitors/families in your area until **“All Clear”** sounds



# Be Prepared

- Know the location of fire alarm devices and fire extinguishers in your area.
- Keep exits and hallways clear of beds, tables, or other equipment
- Know the location of emergency exits in your area.
- Keep stairway doors closed.
- **DO NOT** allow elevators to be used.

# RACE



- **R-Rescue** – remove patients, visitors and personnel in immediate danger to safety. Close the door to room where fire is located as you leave.
  - If patients have been removed from the room, close door and place a pillow or trash can on the floor outside the door.



- **A-Alarm** – call out “**Dr Red**” to co-workers, pull **Alarm Box** nearest to you, and call extension **4444** to report the exact location of the fire.
  - **Off-site** facilities should call **911** and refer to your fire plan.

## RACE cont.

- **C-Confine** – close doors and windows in area where fire is located.
- **E-Extinguish** – Extinguish fire, if possible, with a fire extinguisher, or **evacuate** if necessary



# Fire Extinguishers

- Randolph Hospital uses class ABC extinguishers in all areas except in kitchen and MRI
- ABC extinguishers can be used on all common types of fire
- Kitchen and MRI have their own specialty extinguishers





# PASS

- **P**- Pull the pin.
- **A**-Aim the nozzle at the base of the fire.
- **S**- Squeeze the handle.
- **S**-Sweeping motion.



# Patient Evacuation Plan

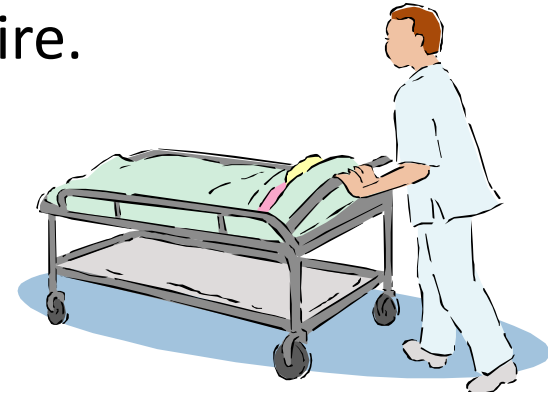
## Order for Evacuation:

- **Fire Chief or House Supervisor** will be responsible for giving the order to evacuate.
- Orders for evacuation will be announced by the switchboard operator over the intercom system.
- The Department Director or supervisors will direct evacuation of patients on each unit and compile a disposition list for all evacuated patients.
- Patients in immediate danger may be moved to an area of safety without such an order.

# Patient Evacuation Plan, cont.

## Order for Removal of Patients:

1. Patients in immediate danger of fire.
2. Ambulatory patients and visitors.
3. Wheelchair patients.
4. Non-ambulatory patients not in immediate danger.



Do **NOT** allow use of elevators.

# Fire in Parking Deck

If you see a fire in the Parking Deck go to “Pull Station” located by any stairwell

- Alarm chimes will sound.
- The switchboard operator will notify **maintenance supervisor and security.**
- Evacuate yourself and others from the area

# After the Emergency

- After the emergency is over, the switchboard operator will give the “Dr Red: All Clear” signal 3 times over the intercom.
- Expect special instructions from your department.

