



**Policy: Fire Drills**

**APPLICATION**

NYU Medical Center

**PURPOSE**

To comply with the Fire Department of the City of New York, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, US Department of Health, Education and Welfare and New York State Education regulations.

To assist Medical Center personnel in developing an understanding of what the fire alarm signal means and how to respond in the safest possible manner.

**POLICY AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

Periodic fire drills will be conducted at various times and locations in order to fulfill the Medical Center’s Fire Protection and Life Safety responsibilities to patients, visitors, students and employees. The drills will include the transmission of a fire alarm signal and simulation of emergency fire conditions. In order to assist Medical Center personnel in developing an understanding of what the fire alarm signal means and how to respond in the safest possible manner, the following procedures will be adhered to.

- 1.0 At least 14 drills will be held every year.
  - 1.1 There will be 4 drills conducted on the day shift, 6 drills on the evening shift and 4 drills on the night shift.
    - 1.1.1 In addition to the drilled location , 20% of other Medical Center patient care areas will be observed for proper fire response.
  - 1.2 Students will be trained by means of drills so that they may, in a sudden emergency be able to leave the building in the shortest possible time and without confusion or panic.
    - 1.2.1 Included in the 14 scheduled drills will be two in the hall of residence. One drill will be conducted between September 1 and December 1, after dark and one other drill during the school year.

References: NFPA 101 - Life Safety Code,  
 1997 Fire Department of the City of New York, Fire Prevention Rules  
 New York State Education Law - Section 807

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