#### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

# **EVACUATION MAPS**

Building evacuation maps are posted inside many University buildings to provide key evacuation route information in the event of emergency. Building occupants and visitors should review the nearest evacuation map to the location where they will spend time in preparation for a building emergency.

## **MAP CONTENTS**

Evacuation maps identify the following items:

- > Primary and secondary evacuation routes
- > Fire pull stations to activate the alarm system
- > Fire extinguisher locations
- > Exterior **exit** doors, stairwells and elevators
- > Evacuation assembly points
- > **Areas of refuge** to wait for rescue assistance



#### EVACUATION ASSEMBLY POINTS

Building occupants should meet at the designated evacuation assembly point after an evacuation so they can be accounted for by the evacuation director.

Evacuation assembly points are open areas where building occupants can safely assemble away from

buildings, responding emergency vehicles, fire lanes and equipment staging areas.

There may be more than one evacuation assembly point for a University building. Check the evacuation map closest to your location to identify the nearest evacuation assembly point, or refer to the <u>Evacuation</u> <u>Assembly Point Map</u> on the EH&S website.

Contact EH&S at 206.685.0341 with questions about evacuation assembly points and for assistance with changing or identifying an alternative evacuation assembly point if necessary.

## **AREAS OF REFUGE**

Some buildings have designated refuge areas for individuals who may be unable to safely exit the building during an evacuation.

There are two types of refuge areas that may be shown on your evacuation map and/or indicated in the building's (or your unit/department's) <u>Fire Safety</u> <u>and Evacuation Plan</u>.

- 1. **Area of Refuge:** Formally designated area that meets building code standards and has a communications panel for direct communication with fire and emergency response personnel
- 2. **Evacuation Waiting Area:** Informally designated area in buildings that don't have an area of refuge, but provide a level of safety; may have landline phone access

<u>Individuals with disabilities</u> and other individuals who may not be able to exit during a building emergency may consider including areas of refuge/evacuation waiting areas in their <u>evacuation plans</u>.

#### Contact EH&S at 206.685.0431 for more information.