



# **2026 Fire & Life Safety Training**

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 **Shared Solutions**

# Today's (Life Saving) Learning Journey



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Fire Life  
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Elevator  
Emergencies

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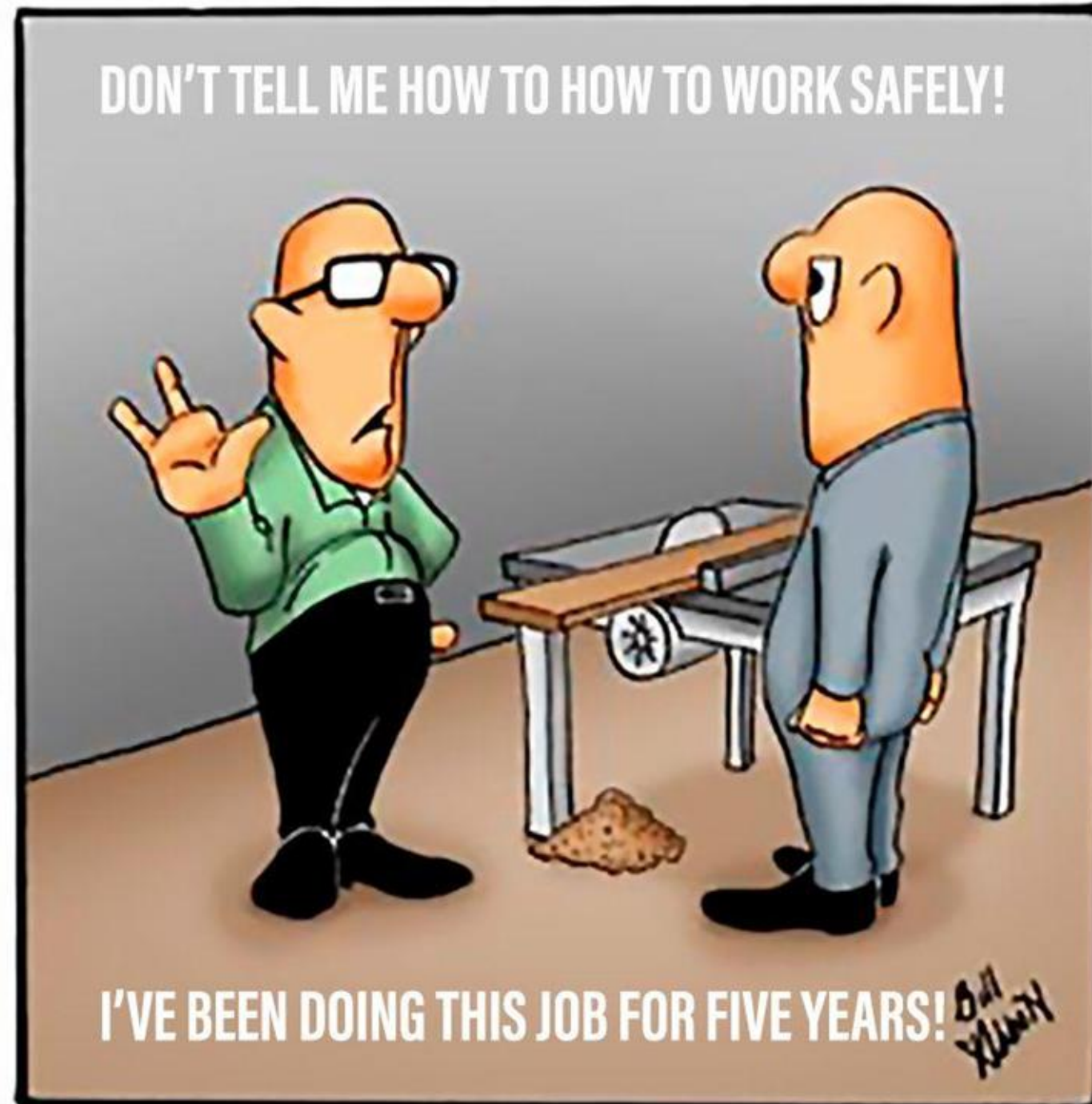
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Active Threat

# Workplace Fires & Safety

- 2022: NFPA reported that local fire departments responded to an estimated 1,504,500 fires across all property types, resulting in \$18 billion in direct property damage.
- 2023: estimates for nonresidential building fires show: 110,000 fires and about **130 deaths** in those fires. \*US Fire Administration
- 2023 5,283 fatal work injuries U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics / OSHA report total workplace fatalities (from *all* causes: accidents, exposures, etc.):



# Denver Fire Department Stats!

In 2024 there were...

- 136,032 calls taken by Denver Fire Department
- 5780 fires - which averages 15 fires a day
- Some more interesting stats...
- There are 39 Fire Houses- all have an engine (trucks at certain houses only)
- No Hazmat, DFD can call Hazmat in.
- Ladders go 100 or 105 ft
- DFD have more fire trucks than any other city west of the Mississippi



## Fires for 2024

- Single home = 196
- Multi family = 133
- Commercial = 77
- High Rise = 23



# Fire Alarm Activation

A fire alarm will sound when one of the following devices is activated

Smoke/ Heat  
Detector



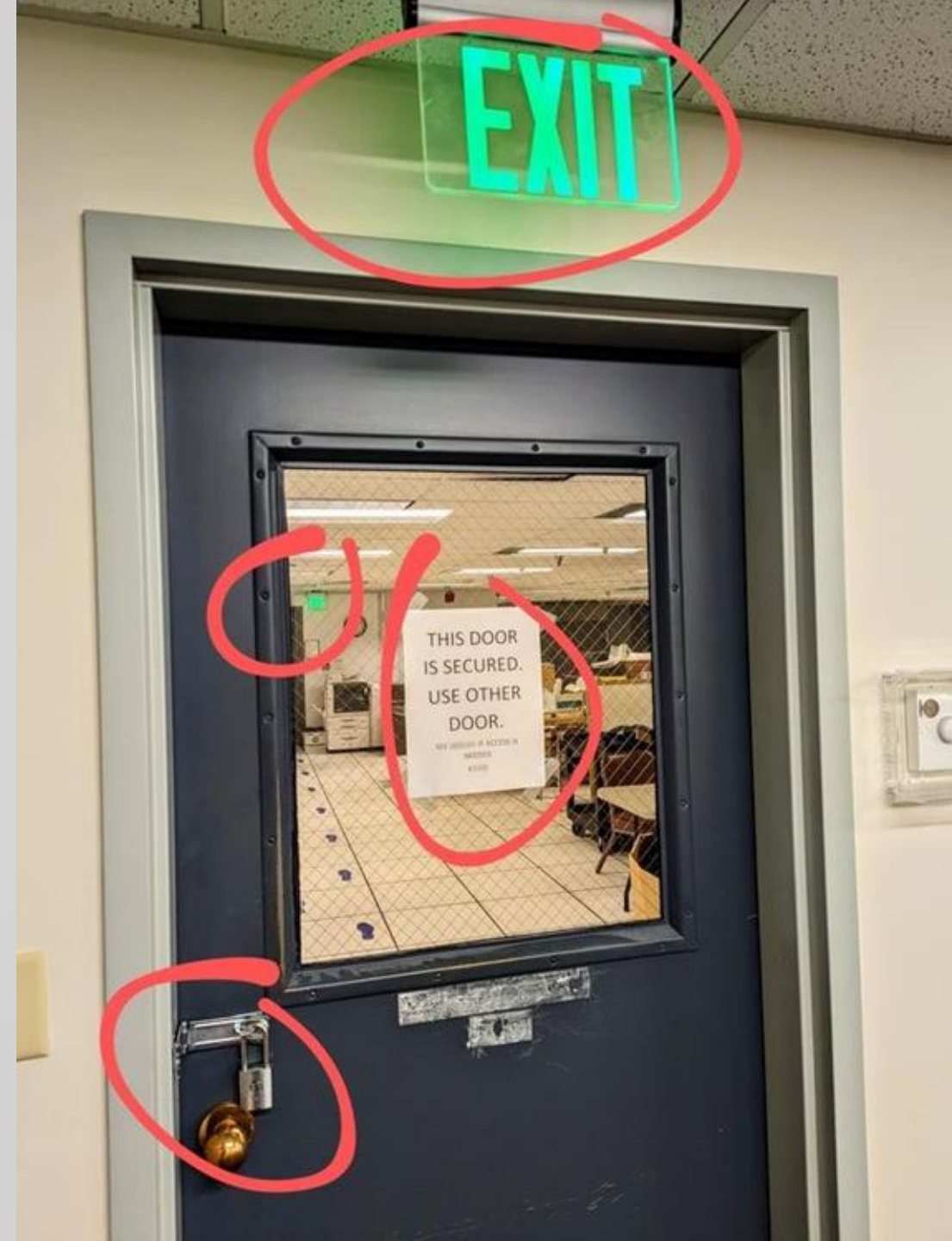
Fire Suppression Sprinkler  
Head



Manual pull station



# Find an Exit & Resources



# Fire alarm activation will automatically initiate:

**Horns and strobes**



**P/A and notification system**



Emergency power: The building is equipped with an emergency generator: Critical systems stay online.

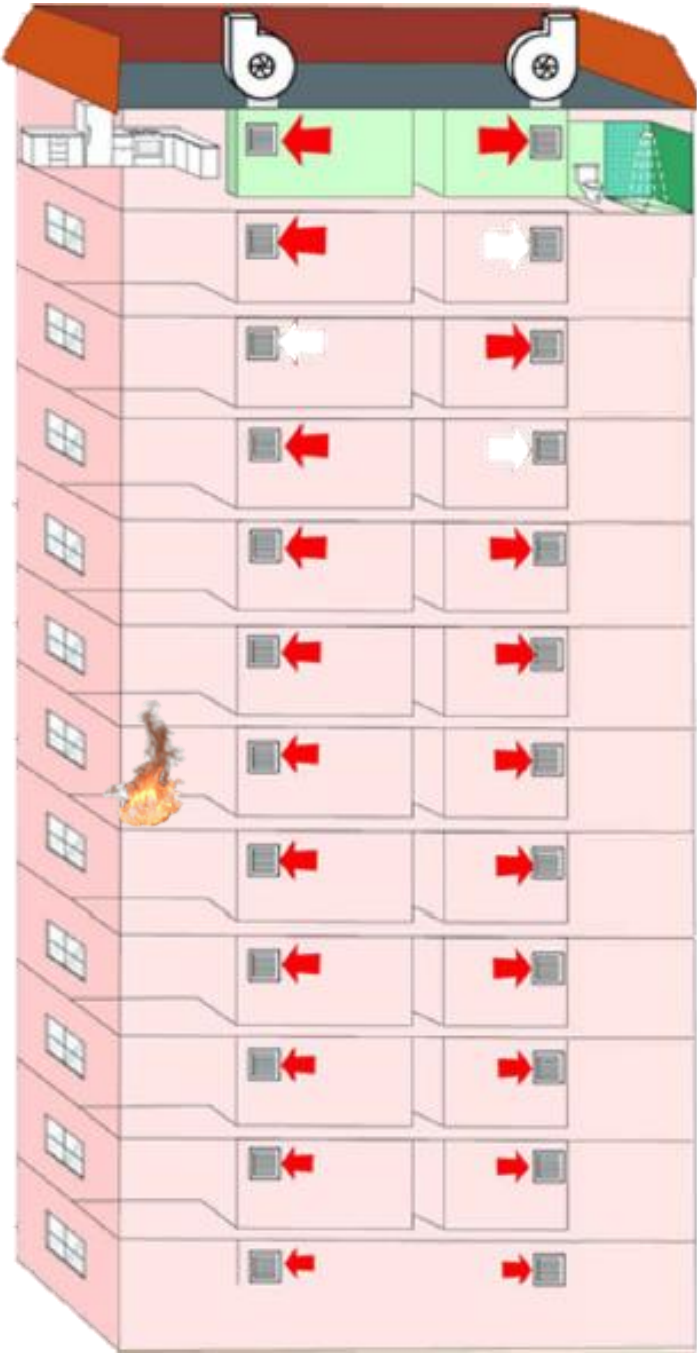
- 💡 Emergency Lighting
- 🚒 Fire Alarm & Detection Systems
- 🌫️ Smoke Management System

☐ Elevators: Recall to first floor & lock open

☒ Building Pressurization (smoke management) system in stairwells, elevator shafts, alarm-and-adjacent floors.

Activation of a fire-alarm-initiating device  
will sound the alarm on:

- Floor Above
- Originating Floor
- Floor Below
- Ground Floor



# Evacuation

Get out do not call building staff with questions

Movement out of the building to a safe area a sufficient distance (300 feet) from the building

Gather at assembly area

Report status

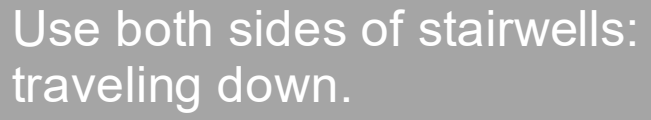
Evacuation is accomplished with...



Emergency Coordinators

& Buddies





# Evacuation



# Persons Requiring Assistance



Persons requiring assistance should be aided in evacuating last or left in safe shelter



Emergency personnel will handle rescue when it is safe



Service animals are permitted to remain with their owners.



Keep the mobility-impaired list **updated at all times.**

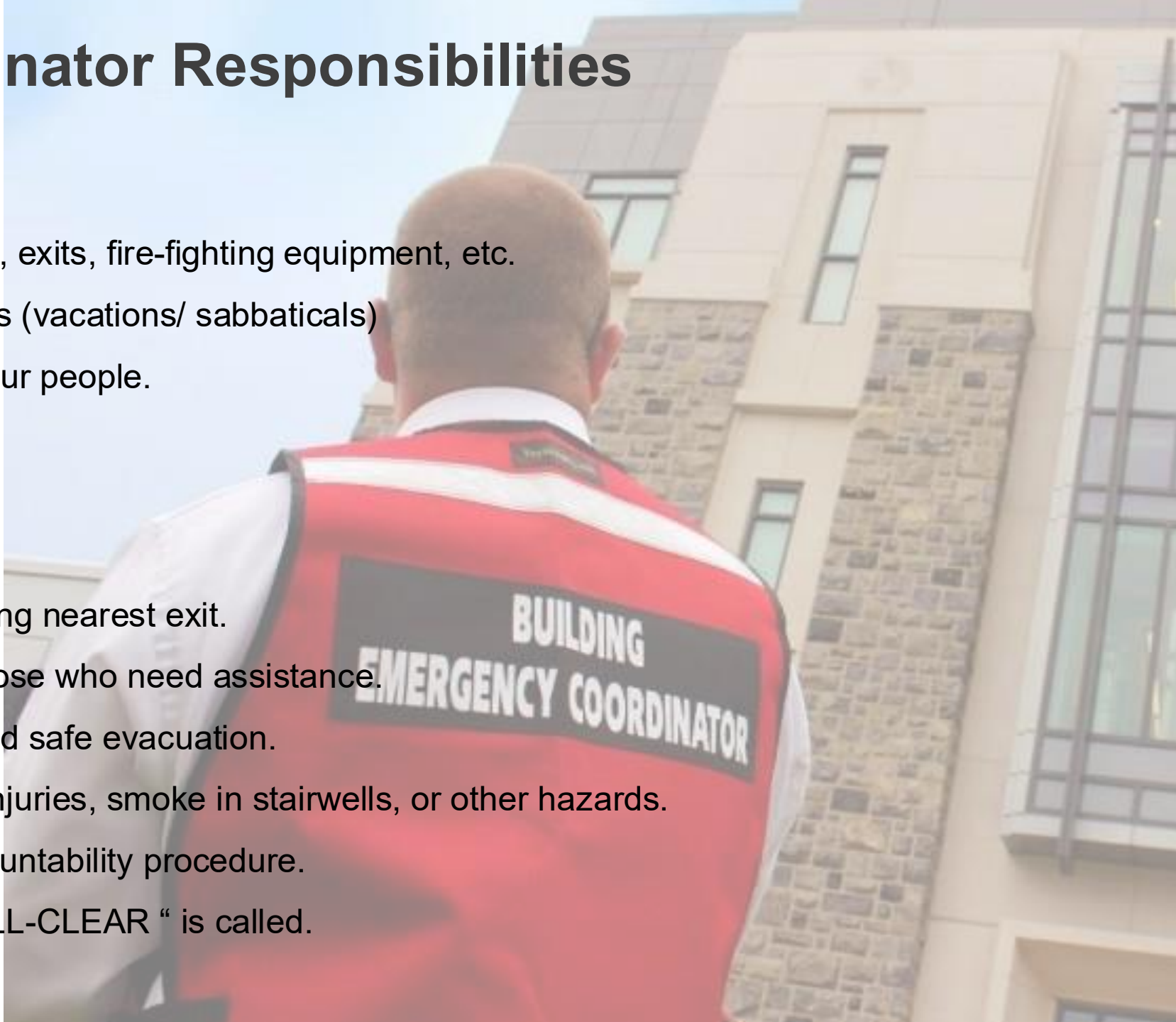


# Emergency Coordinator Responsibilities

- Identifiers: Vests
- Be familiar with Emergency Plan, exits, fire-fighting equipment, etc.
- Select alternate wardens/buddies (vacations/ sabbaticals)
- Attend training sessions; train your people.
- GROW YOUR TEAM!

## When you hear an alarm:

- Direct personnel to evacuate using nearest exit.
- Verify that Buddies are aiding those who need assistance.
- Ensure an orderly, expedient, and safe evacuation.
- Notify emergency personnel of injuries, smoke in stairwells, or other hazards.
- Follow the building's tenant accountability procedure.
- Do not return to building until “ALL-CLEAR “ is called.



## 🔥 Upon Discovering a Fire!

- Activate the nearest fire alarm pull station.
- Notify others in the area — shout “**Fire!**”
- Evacuate immediately using the nearest safe exit.
- Do **not** use elevators.
- Close doors behind

## 🔥 Use a Fire Extinguisher **ONLY IF**

- Fire is **small and contained** (ex: wastebasket).
- You have a **clear escape route** behind you.
- You have been **trained** in extinguisher use.



**P** PULL the pin to unlock the operating lever



**A** AIM the fire extinguisher at the base of the fire



**S** SQUEEZE and hold the trigger to discharge the powder or agent



**S** SWEEP from side to side at the base of the fire

# Key Safety Reminders



## Treat Doors with Caution

 *Feel the door before opening.*

 If **warm or hot** → **Do NOT open!**

Use another exit **call 911** to report location.

 If **cool-**

**Open slowly and carefully.**

Stay **low** in case of smoke.

## If You Become Trapped

 **Close** doors between you and the fire.

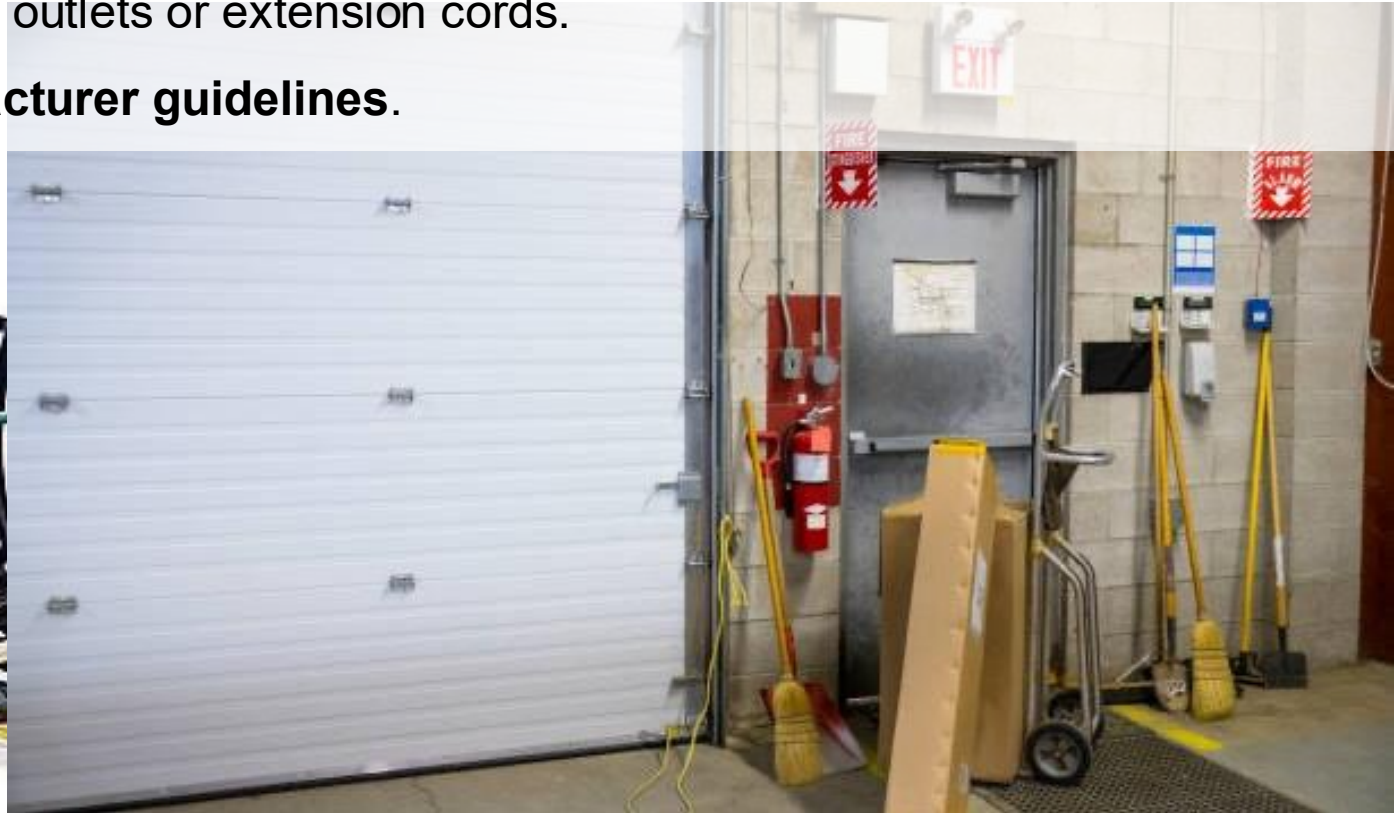
 **Seal** cracks and vents with wet cloth or tape.

 **Call 911** – give your **exact location**.

# Fire Prevention

## Don't Live with Unsafe Conditions

- **No space heaters** — they are not permitted in the building.
- **Power down** electronics and equipment at the end of the day.
- **Keep safety systems clear** — maintain **18" clearance** from sprinkler heads (OSHA requirement).
- **Maintain clear access** to doorways and exit corridors.
- **Prevent electrical hazards** — avoid overloading outlets or extension cords.
- **Charge devices safely** — always follow **manufacturer guidelines**.



# Lithium-ion Batteries



CHARGE  
Online Resources

## Storage & Handling

- Store in a **cool, dry area** — away from heat or sunlight
- Keep clear of **flammable materials**
- **Never crush, puncture, or stack** batteries

## Charging Safely

- Use **manufacturer-approved chargers only.**
- Charge on **non-combustible surfaces**
- **Unplug when fully charged** — don't charge overnight

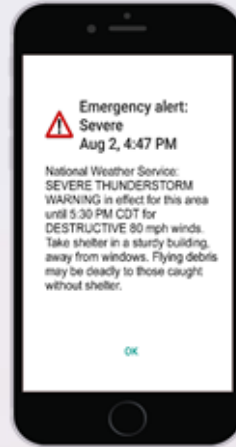
# Trapped in an Elevator?

- Press the **emergency call button** or **telephone**.
- **Stay calm** and wait for help.
- **Do NOT** force doors open.
- **Do NOT** exit if stuck between floors — wait for instructions.
- **Reminder:**
- During **power failure**, elevators **re-call automatically**.
- **Never use elevators** during fire evacuations.



# Severe Weather

How do you receive notifications?



**Warning:** Take immediate action:

## **Tornado:**

- Move away from the building perimeter and exterior glass.
- Do not go to the first-floor lobby.

## **Severe Thunderstorm / Lightning:**

- Avoid using electrical devices and plumbing.

## **High Winds / Hail:**

- Secure outdoor objects that could become projectiles.

## **Flooding / Flash Floods:**

- Do not attempt to drive or walk through flooded areas.
- Move to higher ground if flooding is imminent.

# BOMB THREAT



- All **bomb threats** must be taken seriously!
- **Stay CALM** – keep a clear head.
- **Follow your Emergency Action Plan** checklist.
- **Do NOT sound the alarm** unless instructed – this is NOT an automatic evacuation.
- **Call 911 and building management** immediately.
- **Be ready to assist in search** if it is safe.
- **Ensure your safety first** – avoid putting yourself in danger.
- **Secure the area** – lock doors or restrict access if possible.



**Bomb Threat Checklist**

# Suspicious Package



BRAINLESS

- May be mailed, delivered by courier, or planted.
- **Do not touch or handle** the package.
- **Call 911 immediately** and maintain a safe distance.
- Alert building security or management.
- Be aware of **mail carriers, uniformed employees, neighboring tenants, delivery persons, and anyone nearby.**
- Evacuate the immediate area if instructed.
- **Do not use radios or cell phones near the package**, as some devices can trigger explosives.

# Denver's Emergency Alerting Systems



## Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)

You will receive an alert on your phone, similar to an Amber Alert with guidance on what to do to remain safe. You do not need to sign up to receive these alerts

## Reverse Emergency Notifications (REN)

Denver's Reverse Emergency Notifications (REN alerts) send an alert to the public via voice call, text message or email



**Smart 911**

**<https://www.smart911.com/smart911/login.action>**

When you sign up for Smart911, first responders will be aware of important information you have provided that will help Police, Fire, and EMS locate & help you in an emergency.

# Medical Emergencies

- Call 911 immediately.
- Give clear info: location, type of emergency, hazards.
- Perform first aid/CPR if trained.
- Ensure your safety first.
- Keep bystanders clear.
- Follow dispatcher instructions and stay on the line.
- Use available emergency equipment safely.



**Improve paramedic response time by:**

## Assign Roles Fast

👤 🚒 Team members take immediate action.



## Alert Management

📞 Notify building/property staff without delay.



## Stage for Responders

🚪 Clear access points and critical areas for paramedics.

# Cyber Attack Response

- Loss of building systems (alarms, access control, HVAC)
- Ransomware/lockout or unusual system behavior
- Unauthorized access or suspicious network activity

## Immediate Actions

1. Report to IT/Security + Facility Management
2. Do NOT reboot or attempt repairs
3. Isolate affected equipment if safe
4. Use backup communications
5. Document what happened and who was notified



### Key Compliance Note:

Cyber incidents that disrupt life safety, security, or emergency communications **must be treated as EAP events** and included in annual training, documentation, and drills.



# **ASHER:** Active Shooter Hostile Event Response

- **Property Management / Tenant Relationship Changes**
- **Key to staying safe during an active shooter: SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**
- **PAY ATTENTION TO EXITS** – Identify the two nearest exits from your location. Know alternative routes in case one is blocked.
- **MAKE A PLAN** – Decide what actions you could take if danger arises. Consider where to go, safe hiding spots, and locked doors.
- **ACT DECISIVELY** – If you hear sounds that could be gunshots, respond quickly and confidently. Hesitation can cost precious time.
- **STAY QUIET AND HIDDEN** – Silence your phone, turn off lights if hiding, and remain out of sight.
- **COMMUNICATE WHEN SAFE** – Only call 911 when it's safe to do so; give clear details about location, shooter description, and casualties if known.





**RUN**

**HIDE**

**FIGHT**

BE PREPARED | ACTIVE THREAT RESPONSE

# ASHER Resources



FBI Run, Hide, Fight Video



**[www.ssolutionsllc.org](http://www.ssolutionsllc.org)**

**Thank you for attending...  
Questions?**

