

# STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE

## LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

JCAHO and Los Angeles City Fire Department require that all individuals who work in hospitals become familiar with the fire alarm and response system. You can meet this requirement by becoming familiar with the following:

### FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

CSMC has a very sensitive fire detection system that includes smoke detectors, sprinklers and manual pull stations. When a sensor is activated the bells ring, the lights flash, the smoke doors automatically close. An alarm in the 24 hr Security Command Post indicates the location and type of sensor that activated. The Command Center announces on the overhead speakers "Code Red", gives the location, and calls the Los Angeles City Fire Department.

In the case of a test or false alarm the "Code Red" announcement will be followed by "This is a test, please disregard all bells".

### FIRE RESPONSE

In order to help our medical students remember the correct response during a fire we have developed the acronym "SKATE" which is:

<b>S</b>	Save a life, -Remove the patient from the room
<b>K</b>	Keep the fire contained,- close the door.
<b>A</b>	Activate the alarm, -pull alarm and tell others of the fire.
<b>T</b>	Telephone x 35511 -to notify Security of the fire.
<b>E</b>	Extinguish the fire - only if safe to do so. or Evacuate - to the other side of the fire/smoke barrier

At CSMC we use a "defend in place" approach to fires, in other words we only evacuate patients if it is absolutely required for their safety. If we do move them it will be to the other side of the nearest fire/smoke barrier. We move patients first horizontally (i.e. on the same floor) and then, if required, vertically (up or down a floor). Our main goal is to contain the fire and smoke until the Fire Dept. arrives.

### WHAT IS YOUR ROLE IN A FIRE?

It's simple.....

FOLLOW THE SKATE PRINCIPLES  
FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF THE STAFF  
OR MOVE TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FIRE/SMOKE DOOR  
TO ASSIST THE STAFF IN RECEIVING EVACUATED PATIENTS.

Remember, the Patient Care Staff is continually drilled and trained in fire response. Listen to their directions, the life you save may be your own.

If you want more information call the Environmental Health & Safety office at (310) 423-4336.



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**FIRE SAFETY TRAINING VERIFICATION FORM**

*Please check items below and sign at the bottom to indicate completion of abbreviated fire/safety training.*

- I have received and read the single-page document “Los Angeles City Fire Department Fire Safety Requirements” (prepared by the CSMC Environmental Health & Safety Office)
  
- I have been shown where in my assigned work area are located:
  - Nearest fire alarm pull station
  - Nearest fire extinguisher(s)
  - Fire exit / escape path

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_