

Fire Emergency Response

1. In the event of a fire, pull the fire alarm **first**. Fire pulls are located at the end of the central corridor in the cleanroom, in the cleanroom utility chases, and by the building emergency exits.

2. If you have been trained and the fire is very small (e.g., no bigger than a wastepaper basket), attempt to extinguish the fire with an appropriate fire extinguisher

The fire extinguishers in WCAM are class ABC fire extinguishers, which mean they are good for:

Normal combustibles like: paper, wood, and rubbish

Flammable liquids

Electrical fires

Do not use the ABC fire extinguishers for fires from alkali metals such as sodium, potassium, lithium, etc. Just evacuate.

3. When using a fire extinguisher remember the acronym **PASS** for correct use:

Pull the pin

Aim at the base of the fire

Squeeze the handle

Sweep the spray back and forth across the base of the fire

4. If you decide to fight the fire, do so from a position where you can escape. A fire contained in a small vessel can usually be suffocated by covering the vessel with a lid. WCAM also has a fire blanket in the emergency response cart that can be used to smother small fires on objects or people.

5. While attempting to control the fire, continually assess the situation. If you doubt your ability to quickly extinguish the fire with an extinguisher, evacuate the building.
6. If possible, prior to evacuation shut down any equipment that may add fuel to the fire.
7. When evacuating make sure doors close behind you and follow the emergency evacuation procedure.
8. Even if you successfully put out the fire yourself the fire department should still be called to assess the situation.