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## 528 Building 528 W 121st Street NY NY 10027 Modified: 8/21/2024

- Built in 1969 12 floors + Basement / Non-Combustible/Fireproof construction
- Most important if you see OR suspect fire IMMEDIATELY activate the building's fire alarms AND call
   911 once you have safely evacuated
- The 528 Building has an interior automatic and manual fire alarm system
  - Automatic smoke detectors throughout the building
  - Manual Manual pull stations located at or near the doors to the east and west stairs on all floors and the both exits from the main lobby.
  - The 528 Building has single action manual pull stations. Pull down the lever, break the glass rod to activate the fire alarms. Activating a manual pull station will sound the alarms in the building, notify Public Safety and summon the FDNY.
  - The 528 Building also has a fire sprinkler system in the basement.
  - Smoke detector, pull station or fire sprinkler activation will sound the alarms throughout the building. Upon hearing any fire alarm exit the building immediately. <u>DELAY</u> is the biggest <u>threat when confronted with a fire.</u>
- The 528 Building has multiple means of egress
  - Vertical evacuation via stairs
    - Stair A/East Stairs Serves floors roof level through ground/basement Exit on the 1st floor. You may then exit to W 120th street through the breezeway or through the doors leading out to W 121st street.
    - Stair B/West Stairs Serves floors roof level through ground/basement Exit on the 1st floor. You may then exit to W 120th street through the breezeway or through the doors leading out to W 121st street.
    - Once you have exited to W 120th or W 121st streets please move away from the entrance so you do not impede building access by firefighters.
  - Horizontal evacuation Other than using the east or west stairs to exit you may also, or may be directed to, exit on the basement level into adjacent buildings where possible.
    - 528 Roof level down to 3 and Basement/Ground level
      - None Must use stairs and exit on 1st floor
    - 528 Floor 2



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- West side None
- East side Via east stairs into Macy or Zankel
- 528 Floor 1
  - West side Exit in B stairs to Horace Mann 1
  - East side Via east stairs into Macy
- When using horizontal evacuation routes you must continue until you exit through a set of double doors.
- Never use an elevator to evacuate any building during a fire or fire alarm activation
- Persons with mobility issues Anyone who can not use the stairs to evacuate due to physical limitations/mobility issues can be aided by coworkers or Public Safety officers utilizing horizontal evacuation routes into adjacent buildings or they may seek refuge in either the East stairs until they can be assisted by OPS officers or FDNY.
- Self closing doors no building fire safety feature better controls the spread of fire or smoke like a
  closed door. Unless specifically designed to remain open all doors to stairways and adjoining buildings
  should be closed at all times. If you see a door chocked open or failing to close properly please report
  to Facilities, ORS or EHS as soon as possible
- Acronyms to remember
  - R.A.C.E.
    - R Rescue of self and others
    - A Activate fire alarms
    - C Confine fire/smoke by closing all doors when evacuating
    - E Extinguish small fires if safe to do so OR Evacuate immediately.
  - o P.A.S.S.
    - P Pull pin of fire extinguisher
    - A Aim nozzle at the base of fire
    - S Squeeze handle to stream contents
    - S Sweep at the base of fire side to side

