



Thompson Hall Fire Safety Information

545 W 120st Street NY NY 10027

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- Built in 1904 - 5 story + 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
- Thompson has an interior automatic and manual fire alarm system
 - Automatic - smoke detectors throughout the building
 - Manual - Manual pull stations located at or near the main stairs on most floors and both exits from the main lobby.
 - Thompson Hall 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.
 - Smoke detector or pull station activation will sound the alarms throughout the building. Upon hearing any fire alarm exit the building immediately. **DELAY is the biggest threat when confronted with a fire.**
- Thompson has multiple means of egress
 - Vertical evacuation via stairs
 - Main east stairway - Serves floors 1 through 5. Exit stair on 1st floor, proceed through main doors and into the breezeway or through front exit doors and out onto 120th Street. From the breezeway exit campus out onto 120th street.
 - Once you have exited onto 120th street please move away from the front entrance so you do not impede building access by firefighters.
 - There is an access stair on the west side of the building which serves floors 4, 3, 2, 1 and the Ground/Basement level.
 - Horizontal evacuation - Other than using the main center stairs to exit into the breezeway you may also, or may be directed to, exit your floor into those buildings adjacent to Thompson.
 - Thompson 5th Floor
 - East into Zankel
 - Thompson 4th Floor
 - West into Horace Mann
 - East into Zankel
 - Thompson 3rd floor
 - West into Horace Mann
 - East into Zankel
 - Thompson 2nd floor
 - West into Horace Mann
 - Thompson 1st floor
 - West into Horace Mann
 - Thompson Ground floor/Basement

- West into Horace Mann
- Northeast into 528
- 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.
- 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.
 - 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

