



# Standards & Federal Legislation

CSA Z1600 – Emergency Management

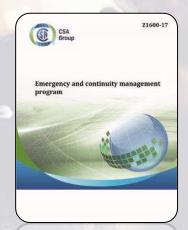
CSA Z731 – Emergency Preparedness & Response

**Environment Protection Act** – Provincial & Federal

**Canada Fire Protection Standard** – Federal

National Fire Code of Canada — Federal

**National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA)** 





## **Emergency Evacuation**

Although this course is centered around **Fire Events**, there are a number of **other events** where Evacuation may be required:

- Violence &/or Harassment
- Severe Weather
- Mechanical / Structural
- Service Loss: Gas, Electrical, Water
- Chemical / Biological / Nuclear
- "Crisis Event" as directed by your Employer, etc...





# Your Duties During An Emergency

Everyone has a "duty" to act responsibly in an Emergency, your Supervisors & Wardens are here to help you until Emergency Responders arrive

Your **actions**, the actions of people around you & Fire / Emergency Wardens, can have a positive effect in an Emergency & reduce risks to:

- Life
- Environment
- Property





## Your Specific Duties

#### Your duties include:

- Sound the Alarm or notify a Supervisor/Warden
- Do NOT panic
- Follow the directions of a Supervisor/Warden
- 4 Help People-In-Need, without placing yourself in harms-way
- Identify yourself at a Meeting Point
- O Provide information about the Emergency to help complete necessary reports



#### Sound The Alarm

Sounding the **Alarm** or notifying a Supervisor/Warden when a Fire or Emergency is discovered, it will help:

- Assess the situation & decide on a response plan
- Facilitate a quick-response
- Begin evacuation procedures (if that is the response)
- Notify Emergency Responders in a timely-manner
- Reduce risk to Life, Environment & Property

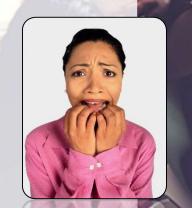


### Do NOT Panic

In an Emergency situation, when people "believe" this is "real" & not a drill, fear/panic may set-in

When people are in-fear, some people may make bad decisions & try to hide/protect themselves in an area that may not actually be safe, they may also "convince" other people to hide with them

This creates a circumstance where people are "un-accounted for"...





# Where Do People Hide?

People will "hide" in places they "perceive" to be safe:

- In washrooms
- Under doorways/door frames
- Under desks/furniture
- In basements/lower levels
- Near exits/windows
- In locker-rooms
- In a small room/office
- Near "heavy" items: machinery/equipment, etc...





# **Identify Yourself**

When you arrive at a designated meeting point, you need to Identify yourself so that you are "accounted-for", this way no-one will go-in the workplace looking for you

You need to provide:

- Full Name
- Status: Employee, Contractor, Guest, etc...
- For Patients: what was their Appt for & time
- For Contractors: what Company do they work for



### **Provide Information**

Providing information to **Emergency Responders** can help them assess the situation, any injuries & plan their response

Providing information to **Supervisors** &/or the **Health** & **Safety Committee** can lead to improvements in Emergency Response Plans in-case this event happens again



### What Is A Warden?

A Warden is a designated **Support Person** within an organization who is given specific responsibilities that help in the management of occupants in the event of an emergency: typically during a Fire

Wardens have some "authority" because of their training & knowledge about emergency events, not specifically due to their job-title



#### How Does Fire Burn?

Fire is the visible effect of the process of **combustion**, a special type of chemical reaction between Oxygen in the air & some sort of fuel

Combustion can be slow or fast depending on the amount of Oxygen available



The fuel must be **heated** to its ignition temperature for combustion to occur, the reaction will keep going as long as there is enough heat, fuel & Oxygen in the proper mixture/ratio



### Elements of Fire

To support combustion, there are 3 elements required

- Oxygen, to accelerate or "feed" the fire
- Fuel, something to burn: liquid, solid or gas
- Source of ignition, to ignite the fuel-air mixture
  - Heat, spark or flame
- The combination of these elements is known as the Fire Triangle





# When Do I Secure-In-Place?

Also known as **Shelter-In-Place**, is to seek safety within the location you're already at/in, rather than evacuate to a different/designated meeting point

Secure-In-Place may be required:

- Involved in a Medical Procedure that can't be stopped
- Suffered an Injury & you shouldn't/can't be moved
- The Danger is outside the location
- Emergency Exit/Egress is blocked
- Being held "against-your-will", etc...





# Where <u>Do</u> I Secure-In-Place?

Consider where you Secure-In-Place: where will someone **find me**, where will they **expect** me to be, am I **protected**?

#### Look for places such as:

- Close to a "strong" secure structure
- More than 1 way in/out or an Exit
- Near a First Aid room
- Close to an alarm activation switch
- Near a Security/Operations camera
- At a Designated Safe location, etc...





# Where Don't | Secure-In-Place?

Consider where you may Secure-In-Place: is it unsafe, am I not covered, where am I out-in-the-open, am I exposed?

Stay away from places such as:

- Close to windows that can shatter/be blown-out
- Hazardous / Biological materials storage areas
- Away from major Services: Gas, Electrical, etc...
- Out-in-the-open" spaces
- Areas with limited Access/Egress
- Basements, etc...





# What Are Meeting Points?

A Meeting Point is a geographically **defined** safe place where people can gather or must report-to during an Emergency/Evacuation

We go to these points so we can be accounted-for, otherwise Emergency Responders may go "looking" for people that aren't accounted-for

You should not run to a Meeting Point as you may trip/fall & be injured





# Where Is Everyone?

Taking attendance, otherwise known as a "head count" is critical information the Emergency Responders will need upon arrival

If anyone is "unaccounted-for", a number of Emergency Responders will "suit-up" & enter the premises looking for these people

If everyone has actually been evacuated, allowing the Emergency Responders to enter puts them at-risk & is not an effective use of their time/efforts



# Who Do You Notify?

Depending on the type of event, the size of the event & any type of damage/loss to Life, Environment & Property: different authorities need to be notified

Please refer to your Emergency Notification Policy

#### **Ontario Ministries:**

- Labour, Training & Skills Development (877) 202-0008
- Environment (800) 565-4923
- Health (866) 797-000
- Natural Resources & Forestry (800) 667-1940







#### When Can We Return?

Once the emergency/event is **under control** or **over**, you may be able to return to the workplace

The return-to-premises declaration shall **only** be accepted by a qualified authority:

- Fire Marshal
- Police Seargent
- Attending Ministry representative, on agreement with aforementioned authority