How Do You Respond to a Fire? *(R.A.C.E.)*

**R-Rescue**
- Remove patient(s) and visitors from the smoke/fire area to another smoke compartment (i.e. 3-W to 3-E)

**A-Alarm**
- Yell CODE RED and
- Pull the fire alarm and
- Call x3111 from a hospital in-house phone (All off-site clinics must know whether to call 911 or 619-543-6111 when you have an emergency and specify your location)

**C-Contain/Confine**
- Close all the doors and windows so fire doesn’t spread

**E-Extinguish/Evacuate**
- Extinguish the fire if you can do it safely without causing harm to yourself or others
- Evacuate the area if the fire is too big

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How Do You Use a Fire Extinguisher? (P.A.S.S.)

**P**
- Pull the pin
  - Without pulling the pin you can’t squeeze the handle to put out the fire

**A**
- Aim at the base of the fire

**S**
- Squeeze the handle
  - It releases the extinguishing agent

**S**
- Sweep side to side, moving the hose back and forth at the base of the fire
  - Repeat until the fire is completely out

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Fire and Life Safety Measures

Do not store items within 18” of the ceiling or fire sprinkler.
Fire Prevention

- Extension cords are **NOT** permitted to be used in UC San Diego Health or any office area for any reason
- Power strips are permissible for low-amperage items (computers, printers, monitors, fax machines) only
- Power strips can **NOT** be daisy chained to each other

**NOTE**: A daisy chain is a power strip plugged into another power strip.

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Fire Prevention

The following items must be plugged directly into a wall outlet and cannot be plugged into a power strip:

• Microwave Ovens
• Automatic Coffee Makers
• Refrigerators
• Copiers
• Water Coolers
Fire Prevention

- Space Heaters **cannot** be used in any patient care buildings
- Space heaters shall be plugged directly into a wall outlet
- They may not exceed 212 degrees, must have 3 feet of clearance from any combustibles, and be listed by a certified testing agency