



# Fire Watch Guidelines

These guidelines provide the necessary information to individuals performing

### **Fire Watch Responsibilities**

#### **Fire Watch Shift Lead**

- Distributes these guidelines to fire watch personnel.
- 2. Coordinates staffing at required locations.
- 3. Reviews the roles and responsibilities with the fire watch personnel, using these guidelines and any specific requirements.
- 4. Verifies that fire watch personnel have access to all areas of patrol.
- 5. Verifies effective communication (e.g., radio, cell phone) with fire watch personnel.
- 6. Ensures that fire watch personnel understand their responsibilities.
- 7. Is the main contact with University Police.
- 8. Reports hourly status and shift changes to University Police.

#### **Fire Watch Patrol Personnel**

- 1. Must be briefed prior to the start of their shift by the fire watch shift lead.
- 2. Must be posted at each of the affected floor(s) or area(s).
- 3. Must identify the location and check the accessibility and functionality of:
  - a. Emergency exits/stairs (free of combustibles)
  - b. Fire doors (not blocked, wedged open)
  - c. Fire extinguishers (accessible)
  - d. Fire/emergency notification devices
  - e. Fire control devices (e.g., fire curtain in theaters)
  - f. Evacuation assembly area(s) for the building (use the QR codes provided)
- 4. Report any concerns to the Fire Watch Shift Lead as soon as possible.
- Each patrol sweep must encompass the assigned floor/area every 15 minutes.
- Must complete the log contained in these guidelines at the end of each patrol sweep.
- 7. Duties cannot be discontinued without approval from the Fire Watch Shift Lead.
- 8. Must remain awake and alert at all times.
- Must immediately notify the Fire Watch Shift Lead of all fires, smoke, injuries, hazardous conditions, concerns, doubt, or lack of understanding of the responsibilities.

#### **Suggested Fire Watch Equipment**

- 1. Flashlight
- Whistle (for notifying of occupants)
- 3. Personal phonecharger
- 4. Hi-visibility vest

#### **Completion of Fire Watch**

When the fire watch is complete, the Fire Watch Shift Lead will:

- 1. Notify University Police and local fire department.
- Collect all fire watch logs and scan and email them to ehs@northwestern.edu.

## Emergency Evacuation Assembly Area Maps

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