

#### Welcome!

**Emergency Procedures Town Hall** April 17, 2023



#### We'll be talking about: Active Shooter Response & Fire Emergencies



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Remembering a few simple steps and concepts can make a meaningful difference.



#### **FIRST: Communication Is Key**

No matter the emergency, being prepared, alert and aware of your surroundings, and listening for instructions from authorities can make a difference.



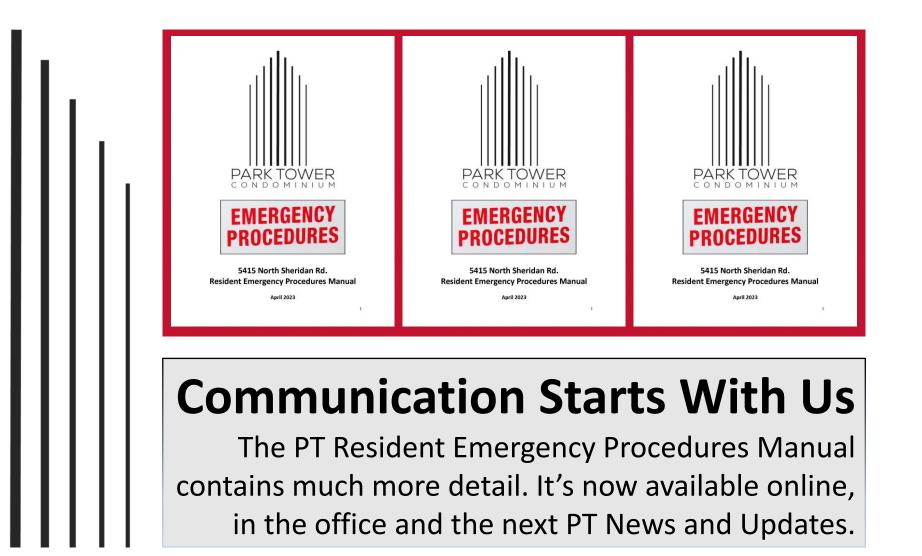
#### **Communication Is Security!**

Just about any emergency situation can be chaotic and unpredictable as they evolve. Staying connected and prepared mentally can be grounding.



#### **Communication is a priority!**

Read the Resident Emergency Procedures Manual. Join our e-mail list and texting service. Keep in mind the hallway speakers and cable Channel 195.





## **Active Shooter/Hostile Person**

Someone carrying a gun, actively shooting or otherwise brandishing or threatening to use a weapon or acting in a violent manner.



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to evacuate the premises. Don't think twice. RUN! Call 911 when you are safe.



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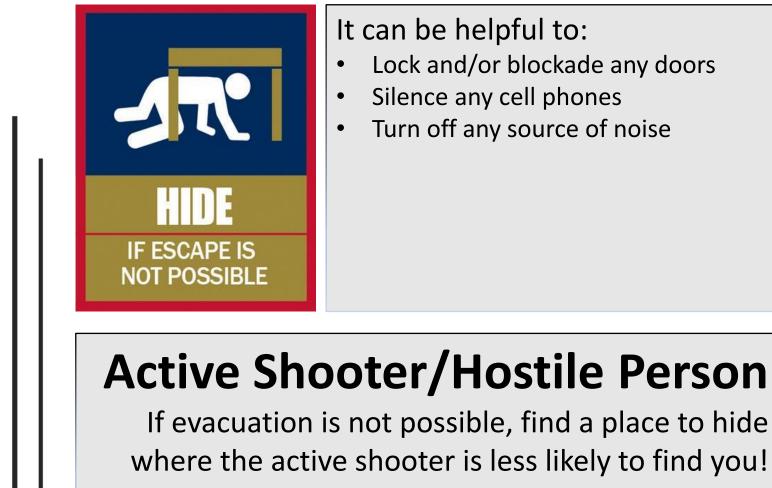
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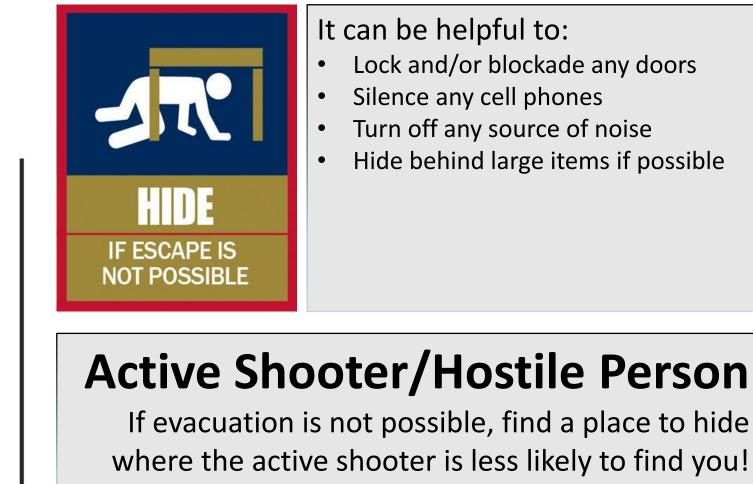








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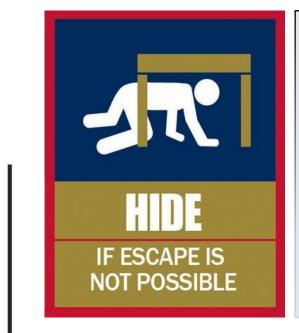
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#### ALSO...

- Do not respond to knocks on doors
- If someone claims they are police, or an authority, only respond if ID is presented. Police should provide two pieces of ID.
- You can also confirm credentials via 911.

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Their priority will be to stop the shooter. Remain calm, follow instructions, put items down, keep hands visible, avoid quick movements and noise.



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Keep in mind, they will want to interview witnesses and talk to anyone who may have information about the shooter (or hostile individual).





## **Fire Emergencies**

The Units and individual rooms within buildings such as Park Tower, are generally safe with walls built to withstand a fire from the other side around 3 hours.



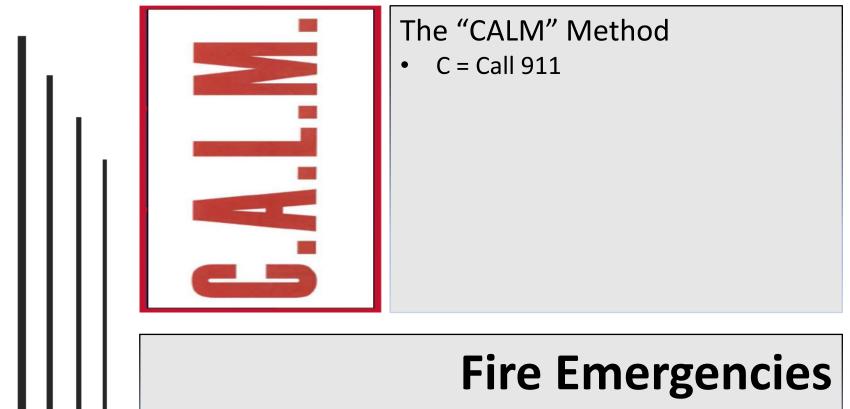
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But we are trained to expect it's not a matter of IF, but WHEN an event will happen. And they can be chaotic and unpredictable despite the construction.

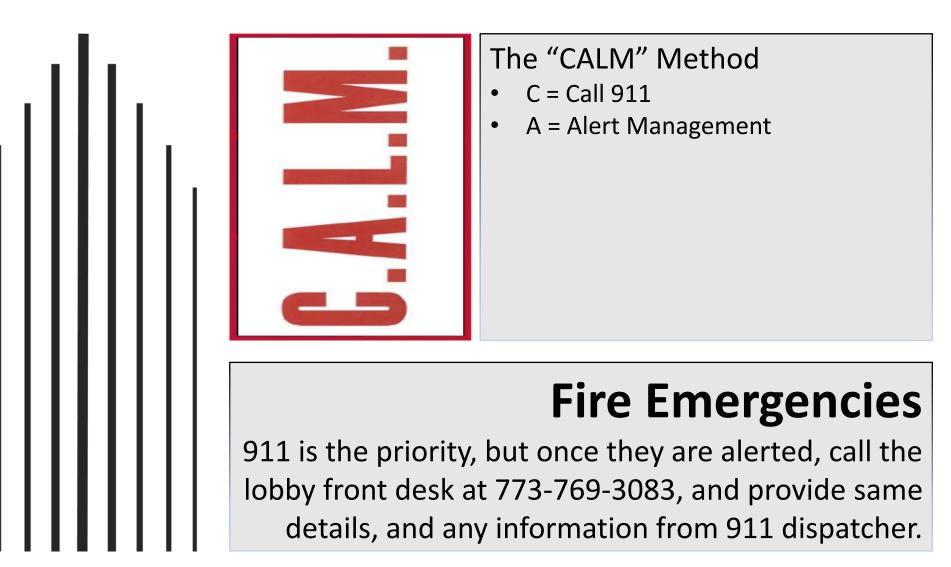


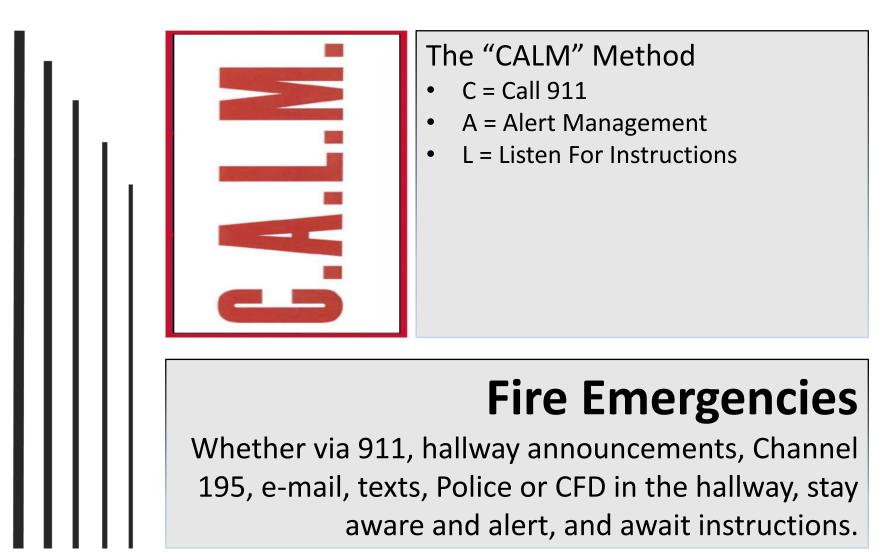
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Remaining CALM, preparing yourself and remembering a some simple steps can help you in the event the worst happens.



See fire? Smell smoke? Call 911 and provide as much information as possible about the event. Answer questions and follow any instructions.





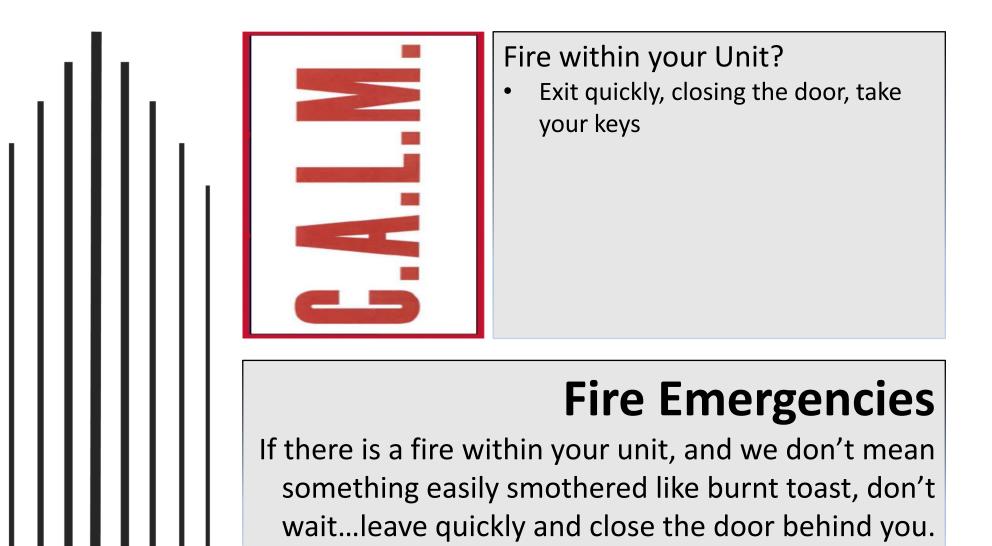


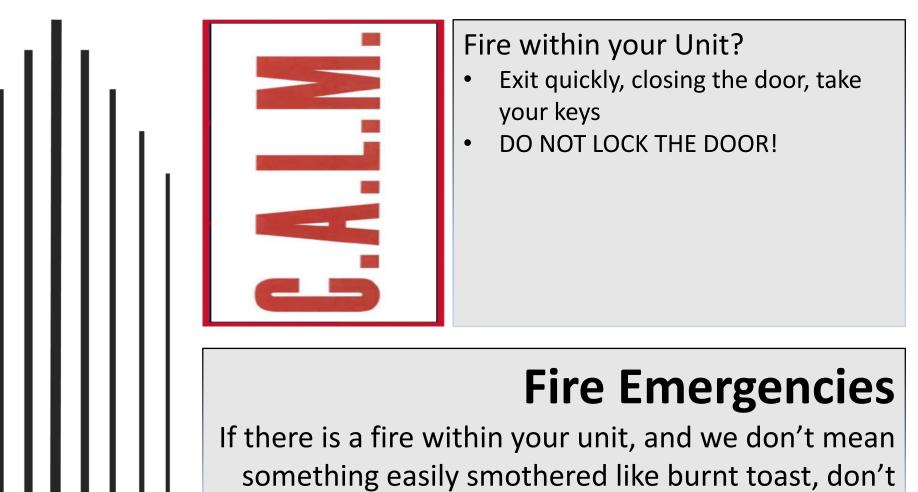
### The "CALM" Method

- C = Call 911
- A = Alert Management
- L = Listen For Instructions
- M = Move quickly when in immediate danger or instructed to evacuate

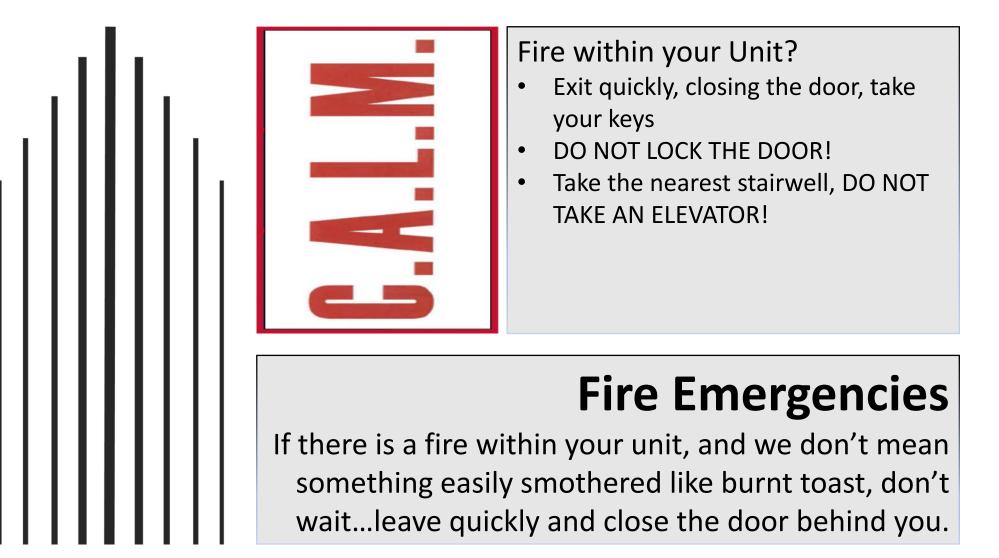
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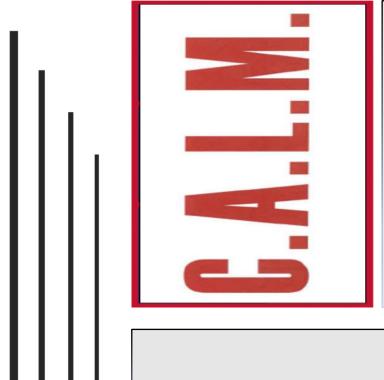
Once you are given instructions, or if you are in apparent immediate danger, move with purpose. Don't second guess, just go!





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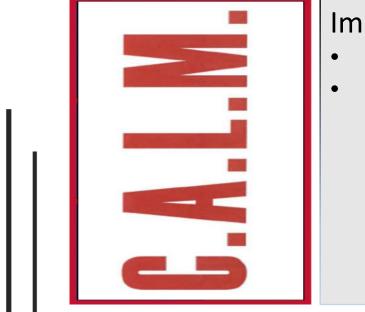


### Fire within your Unit?

- Exit quickly, closing the door, take your keys
- DO NOT LOCK THE DOOR!
- Take the nearest stairwell, DO NOT TAKE AN ELEVATOR!
- If your exit is blocked or the door is hot to the touch, the best place is within a room behind a closed door

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If there is a fire within your unit, and we don't mean something easily smothered like burnt toast, don't wait...leave quickly and close the door behind you.



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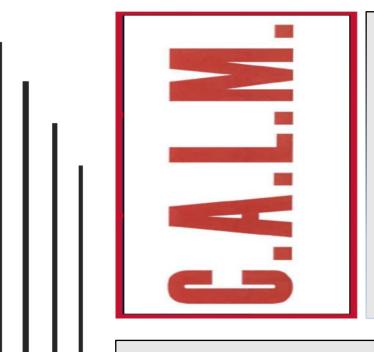
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- DO NOT use an elevator; take stairs
- Alert neighbors as you go

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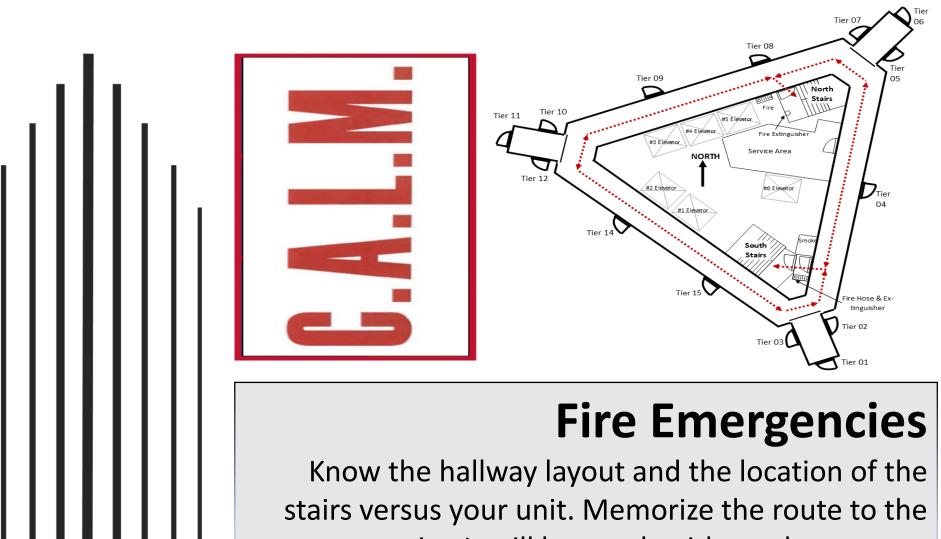
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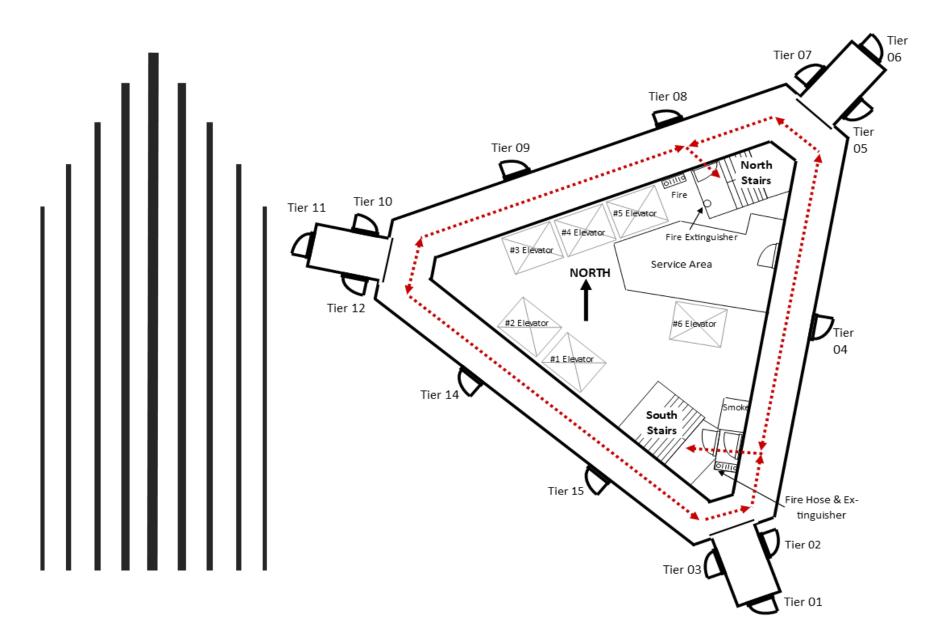
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- If smoke is entering, open a window slightly and remain close to the floor
- Consider outside smoke or flames

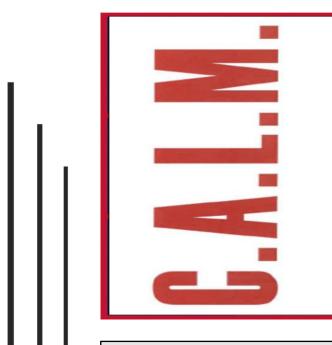
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#### What if it is burning toast?

Well, residents need to judge household events as best as possible. If anything seems even a slight bit out of control – if you don't think you can smother the fire - call 911 and get out. Take your keys, close but do not lock the door.

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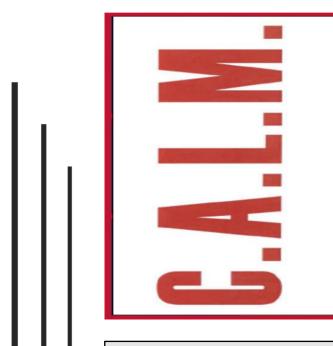


#### What if there is a call to evacuate?

Follow the basics. Stay calm, move quickly, follow any instructions. Leave belongings! Take the stairs and do so as calmly and orderly as possible.

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In the absence of specific instructions, for smaller events the meeting place for evacuation shall be at the northeast corner of the mall under the skylight.

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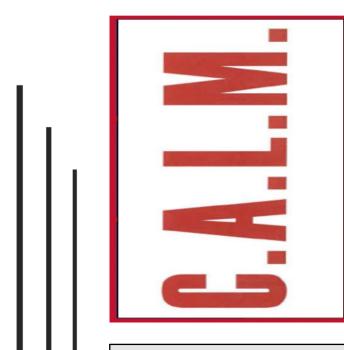


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For larger events the meeting place for evacuation shall be outside in the park, just past the entrance off the driveway, by the building's northeast corner.

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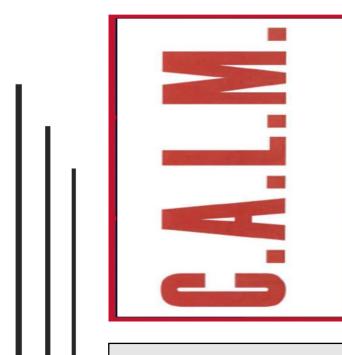
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# What if the fire is in a unit below (or above) me?

Stay in your unit until you receive instructions otherwise, unless you feel you are in real and immediate danger. Test the door. Check the hall. Proceed from there.

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What if I smell smoke coming from the hall? (Maybe the neighbors burnt toast?)

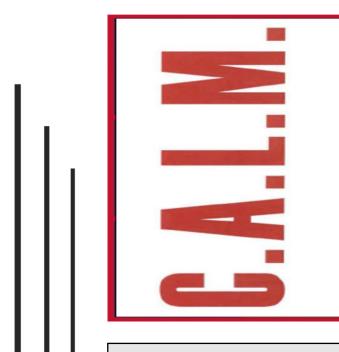
Call 911, then call the front desk. Stay in your unit and await any instructions. Some of us are confident in our sense of smell and unless your somehow 1000% certain, better safe than sorry.

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The best thing is to stay calm, always. Please avoid calling the lobby. There are 1500 residents, and if everyone is calling the lobby, it will complicate our ability to respond and coordinate in the event of any potential situation.

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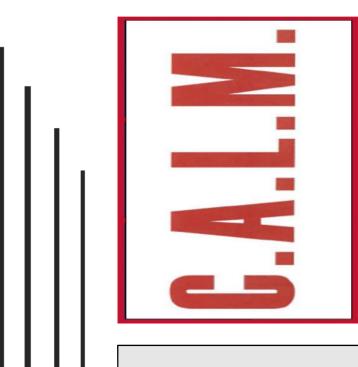
Responses by the authorities and management will target those who need the information. The best thing you can do, is keep us updated in advance with your contact, e-mail, and subscribe to the text service.

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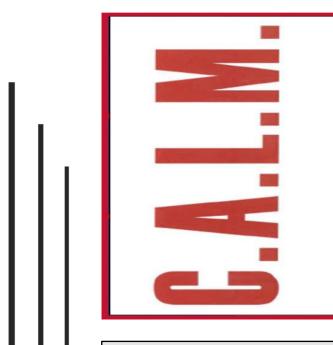
In a truly major event, you can expect CFD to use the announcement system, and management will use the e-mail and texting capabilities.

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AND REMEMBER, oftentimes there are fire trucks at or around the building, and they are here for nothing to do with a fire. Please avoid calling lobby.

## **Fire Emergencies**



#### What does our staff do?

The Park Tower and Admiral Security teams are trained with similar basics. Several employees have been through the City's Fire Safety Director training. Basically, we will do minimal smoke checks, but our priority is to await the authorities and take their instructions.

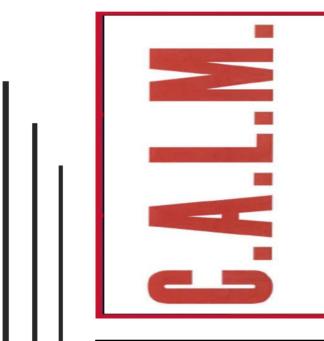
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Management will likely be in the lobby and office, coordinating communication efforts and any instructions from the authorities. The staff will be at the disposal of the authorities to help get them where they need to go, and provide any assistance they need.

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The team also manages, maintains and coordinates inspection and testing of life safety devices throughout the tower; pumps, motors, fire extinguishers, sprinklers and standpipes, signage and lighting.

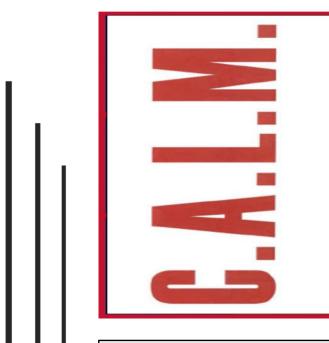
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#### How does our staff prepare?

Management maintains an "Emergency Procedures Manual" which is updated AT LEAST annually and is distributed to employees and reviewed at meetings. It contains a "First Responder Guide" which the CFD will ask to see when they arrive, and lists at risk residents.

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The manual contains information on building safety and guidelines for response to active shooters, electrical outages, fires, health emergencies, severe weather, chemical spills, civil disturbances, pest infestations, bomb threats, floods and elevator incidents.

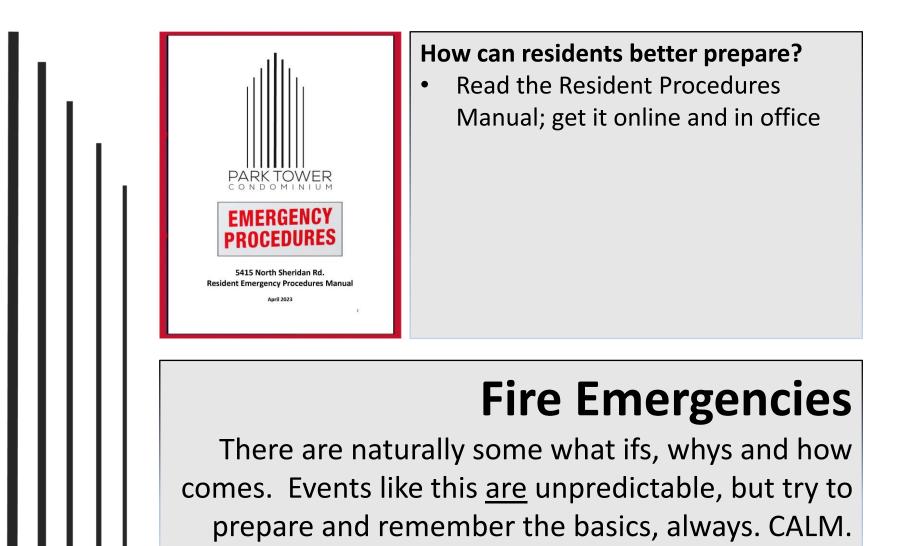
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- Get an ABC Rated Fire Extinguisher

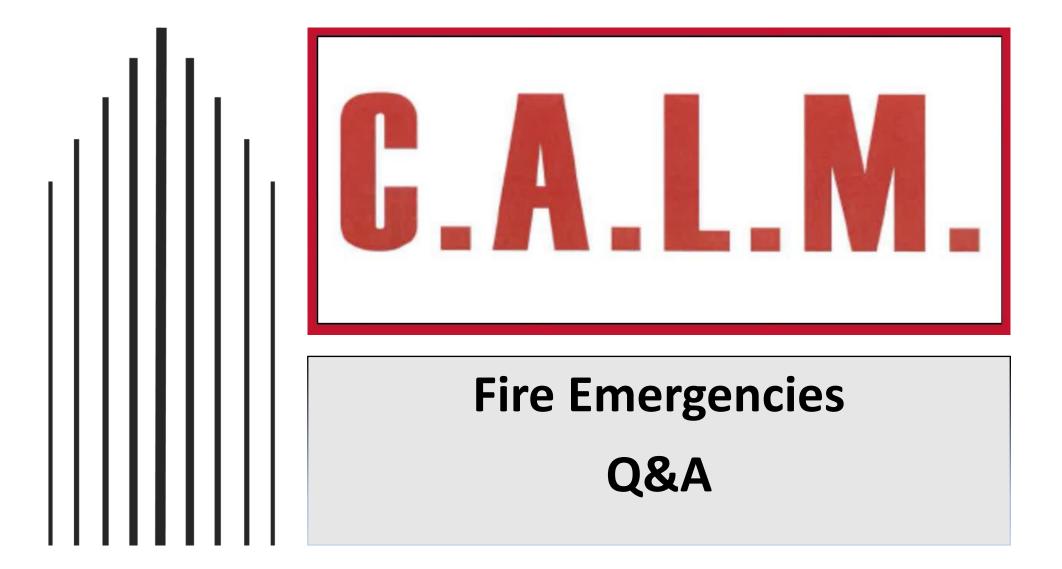
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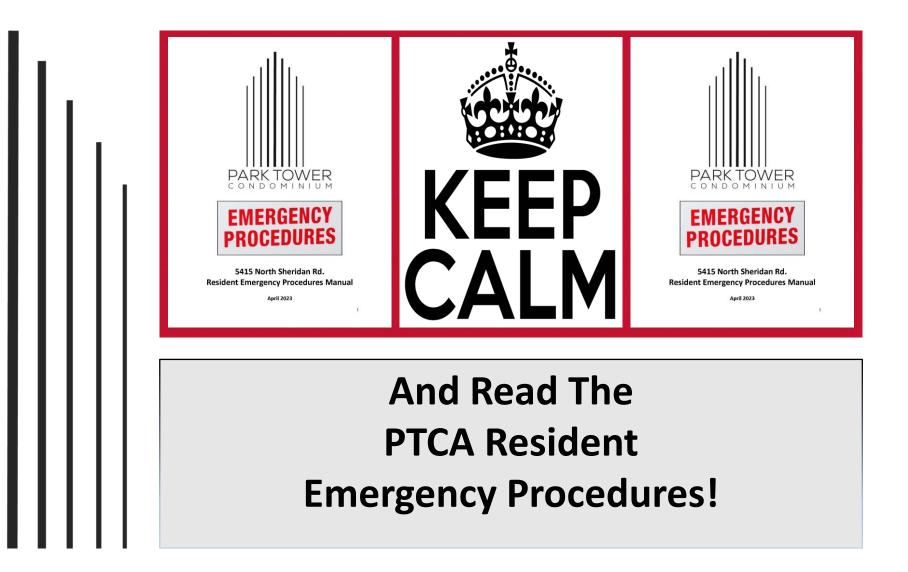


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### E-mail questions anytime to parktowercondo-mgmt@habitat.com



### **THANK YOU!**