Building evacuation maps are posted inside many University buildings to provide key evacuation route information in the event of emergency. Building occupants and visitors should review the nearest evacuation map to the location where they will spend time in preparation for a building emergency.

**MAP CONTENTS**

Evacuation maps identify the following items:

- Primary and secondary evacuation routes
- Fire pull stations to activate the alarm system
- Fire extinguisher locations
- Exterior exit doors, stairwells and elevators
- Evacuation assembly points
- Areas of refuge to wait for rescue assistance

There may be more than one evacuation assembly point for a University building. Check the evacuation map closest to your location to identify the nearest evacuation assembly point, or refer to the Evacuation Assembly Point Map on the EH&S website.

Contact EH&S at 206.685.0341 with questions about evacuation assembly points and for assistance with changing or identifying an alternative evacuation assembly point if necessary.

**AREAS OF REFUGE**

Some buildings have designated refuge areas for individuals who may be unable to safely exit the building during an evacuation.

There are two types of refuge areas that may be shown on your evacuation map and/or indicated in the building’s (or your unit/department’s) Fire Safety and Evacuation Plan.

1. **Area of Refuge:** Formally designated area that meets building code standards and has a communications panel for direct communication with fire and emergency response personnel.

2. **Evacuation Waiting Area:** Informally designated area in buildings that don’t have an area of refuge, but provide a level of safety; may have landline phone access.

Individuals with disabilities and other individuals who may not be able to exit during a building emergency may consider including areas of refuge/evacuation waiting areas in their evacuation plans.

Contact EH&S at 206.685.0431 for more information.