PROTECTING THE PHYSICALLY IMPAIRED
DURING AN EVACUATION NOTICE

If you are physically impaired it is important that you learn about fire safety, plan ahead for emergencies, and be aware of your own capabilities and limitations. Outlined below are a number of measures to provide for your protection, if an evacuation notice is given for your building.

Many locations on-campus will allow direct access to the outside from your floor, or you can relocate horizontally to another building or addition. If you are unable to leave a building during an evacuation notice: REMAIN CALM, DO NOT USE THE STAIRS OR ELEVATORS.

People unable to leave the building will be directed to an area of rescue. These areas were identified by the Health and Safety Office by training the Departmental Emergency Coordinators and Evacuation Monitors. The Departmental Emergency Coordinators maintains a list of people that are physically impaired and their locations. During an evacuation notice the Departmental Emergency Coordinator or Evacuation Monitors will conduct a floor-to-floor sweep of the building, direct people unable to evacuate to an area of rescue, and provide to Command the locations of persons unable to leave the building.

Areas of rescue are:
1. Seek refuge in a room with a window, door, and telephone. Call 911 to report your location, and stay there until help arrives.
2. If staying in place poses a threat to safety, seek alternate areas of rescue that include:
   A. Call 911 to report your location
   B. Refuge in a corridor remote of incident
   C. Refuge in a portion of a stairway landing
   D. Refuge in an elevator lobby with fire doors separating the elevator lobby from the incident

If you need assistance in planning for an evacuation, please call the Fire Safety Officer.