

# 4.4 10 Somerset Street, Nathan R. Miller Residence Hall

## EVACUATION PROCEDURES & ROUTES

There are two staircases that can be used to exit the building at the 1<sup>st</sup> floor level. Stair 1 is located on the north side of the building and occupants exit the stairs on the first floor into the lobby and out the main entrance. Stair 2 is located on the south side of the building and occupants exit the stairs on the first floor into the lobby and out the main entrance.

If occupants are unable to evacuate through the lobby, there are two alternate exits available. One alternate exit is on the north side of the building and is accessible on the first floor by a door to the right of the elevators. This is a delayed egress door that opens after pushing on the crash bar for 15 seconds, and opens into an outside space that leads to a security gate that opens and allows occupants to move away from the building. The other alternate exit is on the south side of the building and is accessible on the first floor by a door off of Stair 2. This is a delayed egress door that opens after pushing on the crash bar for 15 seconds, and opens into an outside space that leads to a security gate that opens and allows occupants to move away from the building.

The primary assembly area for 10 Somerset Street is Pemberton Square, which is directly across the street in the open space outside of One Beacon Street.

If there is a need to assemble further away from the building, the secondary assembly area is Roemer Plaza, which is located on the south side of 20 Somerset Street, outside the main entrance.

The designated areas of refuge for 10 Somerset Street are the landings in the stairwells on each floor. These areas are sometimes known as “emergency waiting areas” or “locations for rescue assistance.” The enclosed stairwells are constructed of fire resistant materials that protect individuals from the effects of a fire during evacuation.

### REPORTING A FIRE OR EMERGENCY

Persons discovering a fire, smoky condition, or explosion should pull the nearest fire alarm pull station which will notify the Boston Fire Department that there is an alarm in the building. Fire alarm pull stations are located on each floor. The horn/strobe alarms alert building occupants of the need for evacuation.

To report any emergency on campus, notify Suffolk University Police at extension 8111, or 617-573-8111.

### WHEN THE FIRE ALARM SOUNDS

1. In the event of a fire alarm activation, a signal will sound, followed by a pre-recorded message. Listen to the pre-recorded message and follow the instructions. In most situations only certain floors will be required to evacuate.
2. Occupants should ensure that others nearby are aware of the emergency, and when directed to do so, exit the building by the established evacuation routes.
3. Occupants should assist visitors, students, and others who are not familiar with the building to safely evacuate.
4. All occupants should go to the assembly area and await further instructions from the Suffolk University Police Department or other emergency services personnel.
5. All occupants should know where their primary and alternate exits are located, and be familiar with the various evacuation routes available. Floor plans with escape routes are posted throughout the building.
6. Occupants must not use elevators as an escape route in the event of a fire or emergency evacuation.
7. No individual is permitted to re-enter the building until advised it is safe to do so by the Suffolk University Police Department or the Boston Fire Department.

### INDIVIDUALS NEEDING ASSISTANCE

Some building occupants require assistance during building evacuation. Students who need assistance can voluntarily register with the Office of Disability Services located on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of 73 Tremont Street. Their phone number is 617-994-6820.

Residence Assistants can help individuals needing assistance by directing them to areas of refuge (i.e. protected stairwells), and notifying emergency response personnel of their location. Transporting individuals with disabilities up and down stairs should be avoided except by trained emergency personnel. All individuals, regardless of their circumstances, need to take responsibility for their safety in an emergency, which means being able to move away from any and all hazards.

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