



RHODES UNIVERSITY  
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## WELCOME TO RHODES UNIVERSITY

We are glad that you are here and want you to have a safe and happy stay in this learning environment. Our safety vision is for Rhodes University to be an incident-free environment, through academic and student involvement in EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION.

Kindly take note of the various warning, prohibitive and fire fighting symbolic signs, and fire fighting equipment, within the residence and buildings.



Fire Extinguisher



Fire Hose

EXIT

Emergency Exit



No Smoking



Directional Sign



Electrical

Safety at Rhodes University is everyone's responsibility, and as part of the Rhodes Family **YOU** play a vital role in ensuring that people, assets and property are protected.

### Fire Action: 4 Golden Rules

In the event of a fire or other emergency, remember four golden rules:

- 1. Alarm:** Raise the alarm to alert others – scream, whistle, push alarm, shout FIRE!
- 2. Emergency Services:** Call no matter how small.
- 3. Extinguish:** Only try to extinguish if safe to do so.
- 4. Evacuate:** Everyone must get out; if necessary, crawl to avoid smoke/heat suffocation.

Close windows and doors if you can, and help people with disabilities.

Meet at the Assembly Point for roll call.

Do not take risks: do NOT use lifts; do NOT open closed doors (there may be fire in the room); do NOT go back inside – until instructed by the Makana Fire Officer or Emergency Coordinator.

### Operating a fire extinguisher

#### Remember the word PASS

- P** – Pull the pin
- A** – Aim nozzle at the base of the fire
- S** – Squeeze the trigger
- S** – Sweep the nozzle from side to side



### In the event of a fire

everyone will be in a hurry to evacuate, so

#### Remember the word RACE

- R**escue and assist anybody who may require help
- A**larm – raise the alarm and report the fire (notify warden or CPU or Fire Dept)
- C**ontain and confine the fire by closing doors and windows (only when possible)
- E**xtinguish the fire – only if safe to do so or ...
- E**vacuate if the fire is out of control.

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

save on your cell phone!

Fire Department: 046 622 4444 / 603 6000

RU Campus Protection: 046 603 8146/7

or 8999

### Fire Prevention

- Comply with the safety and fire rules of the University.
- Ensure that ALL electrical switches are off before leaving the room.
- Do not overload electrical plug sockets.
- Report any unsafe conditions to the warden/HOD/manager.
- Attend fire drills and know what action to take.
- Know the location of all fire equipment.
- Do not tamper with any fire equipment or detection devices.

More info: [www.ru.ac.za/safety/fire](http://www.ru.ac.za/safety/fire)

