FIRE AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

In accordance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Texas State University-San Marcos has developed procedures for evacuation of persons with disabilities from campus facilities in the event of fire or emergency. The procedures outlined below are included in Fire Alarms, Fire Drills, and Facilities Evacuations. Members of the faculty or staff, and students with a disability or mobility impairment; the following information could save your life in the event of a fire or emergency.

1. Emergency evacuation plans are posted throughout campus buildings. The plans show exits, areas of refuge, and the preferred area of assembly for rescue. Persons with disabilities who need assistance should go to the appropriate area for assistance in the event of fire or emergency.

All employees are expected to be familiar with their work area, preplanning their evacuation strategy.

Students with disabilities, who have difficulty exiting a building in the event of a fire or emergency, should be familiar with the exits and the areas of assembly. Areas of assembly are the landings in each of the stairwells.

2. The University department head will establish a program to assist persons with disabilities and those who need assistance in the event of a fire or emergency.

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1. All University employees will assist emergency personnel by identifying the location of persons with disabilities in the event of a fire or emergency.

2. Persons with disabilities who are able to exit a building during a fire or emergency should do so. Persons with disabilities who cannot exit a building safely should go to the nearest exit or preferred area of assembly to await the arrival of emergency personnel, police or fire department.

All persons with disabilities must regard the fire alarm as a serious matter and evacuate the building immediately. Remember, never use the elevator in the event of a fire!

THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN AN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT FROM THE OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES UPON REQUEST.