



University of Pittsburgh

The Strand Building

3609 Forbes Avenue

Occupant Information

This information is for occupants of The Strand Building. University guidelines for workplace safety, emergency preparedness and emergency response are found in the University of Pittsburgh Safety Manual <https://www.ehs.pitt.edu/manual> and the University of Pittsburgh Emergency Management Guidelines found on <https://www.emergency.pitt.edu/resources/emergency-management-guidelines>.

The Strand Building has fire protection features that enable the use of a zoned fire alarm system, which means that the floor of the emergency and only one floor above and one floor below the site of the emergency, will signal fire alarm conditions. *If the fire alarm signal (audible horns/speakers and visual strobe lights) activates on your floor, evacuate the building.* The fire alarm pull stations are located at the exit doors and near the stairwells.

1. **If you hear or observe the fire alarm signal:**

- i. Verify that your floor is involved in the emergency by observing the strobe signals.
- ii. If possible and safe to do so: turn off gas, hot plates, and other ignition sources. Close fume hood sash.
- iii. Close the door behind you and evacuate the building by following the EXIT signs to nearest stairwell or exterior door. Do not use the elevators during an alarm condition, unless directed by an emergency responder.
- iv. Proceed to an assembly point away from the building. The closest assembly area for The Strand Building is David Lawrence Hall at 3942 Forbes Avenue.
- v. Do not re-enter until the “all clear” signal is given by the police or fire department.

2. **Upon discovery of smoke or fire:**

- i. Alert anyone in immediate danger.
- ii. Close the door to contain smoke or fire.
- iii. Activate the nearest pull station.**
- iv. Evacuate the building

Note: If you cannot activate the pull station and you are in a safe area, call 911 or call University Police at 412-624-2121.

3. **Evacuation Plan:**

Evacuate using the nearest stairwell upon any activation of the emergency alarm on your floor. For general information on evacuation, visit the [Safe Building Evacuation](#) in the Fire Safety section of the EH&S website. In the event of a prolonged evacuation or hazardous weather conditions, an assembly area will be established, and you will be notified by a University representative of the location. The short-term assembly area for The Strand Building is the David Lawrence Hall. In the event of a major emergency, the long-term assembly area for The Strand Building is the Petersen Events Center.

If you cannot follow the University's Building Evacuation Procedures due to a temporary or permanent physical impairment, please contact Pitt EH&S 412-624-9505 and request development of an Individualized Evacuation Plan.

Floors 5-3 - Exit using South Stairwell, down to floor 1 and egress through the main entrance onto Forbes Avenue,

Or,

Exit using Northwest Stairwell (emergency exit stairwell), down to floor 1 and egress through emergency exit onto Euler Way,

Floor 2 - Exit through main entrance to space, using South Stairwell, down to floor 1 and egress through the main entrance onto Forbes Avenue,

Or,

Exit using Northwest Stairwell (emergency exit stairwell), down to floor 1 and egress through emergency exit onto Euler Way,

Floor 1 - Exit using main building entrance/exit and egress onto Forbes Avenue.

Golden Palace Buffet - Exit using restaurant main entrance/exit and egress onto Forbes Avenue.

Or,

Exit using Emergency Exit Stairwell and egress through emergency exit onto Euler Way,

Super Cuts - Exit using store main entrance/exit and egress onto Forbes Avenue.

Or,

Exit using Emergency Exit Stairwell and egress through emergency exit onto Euler Way,

The Exchange - Exit using store main entrance/exit and egress onto Forbes Avenue.

Or,

Exit using Emergency Exit Stairwell and egress through emergency exit onto Euler Way,

Basement Level – Exit using South Stairwell, up to floor 1 and egress through the main entrance onto Forbes Avenue,

Or,

Exit using Northwest Stairwell (emergency exit stairwell), up to floor 1 and egress onto Euler Way.

4. **Training Resources:**

Training videos regarding emergency procedures are available on the Public Safety and Emergency Management website at: [Safety Videos | Office of Public Safety & Emergency Management | University of Pittsburgh](#).

5. **Medical Emergency:** Call Pitt Police at 412-624-2121.

A [list of the AED's for buildings](#) can be located on the Campus Safety section of the EH&S website.

(1) AED location in The Strand Building

- 2nd Floor – Main Stairwell Landing

The University has established guidelines for AED use. These guidelines are based upon requirements defined in PA Title 42, Section 8331.2 “Good Samaritan Civil Immunity for Use of Automated External Defibrillators” and upon the AED manufacturer recommendations. A copy of these guidelines is available from the Department of Environmental Health and Safety. Use of any AED is not restricted to individuals on the AED Response Team. Any member of the public, including University faculty, staff and students, may utilize an AED on an individual in distress. Before utilizing an AED, call the University emergency number 412-624-2121. Each University Police vehicle is equipped with an AED and the Officers are well trained. AED use is self-explanatory through audible and visual instructions that are initiated when you open the AED case. AED's are equipped with local alarms to signal for assistance when the unit is removed from its wall-mounted case.

6. **Security Emergency:** Call Pitt Police at 412-624-2121.

The Strand Building is equipped for remote activation of an emergency alarm by the University Police. One of two messages can be remotely activated. An emergency evacuation for security purposes that states “May I have your attention please. A security alert has been reported. Please leave the building by the nearest exit. Do not use the elevators.”; or a shelter-in-place announcement that states: “May I have your attention please. A security emergency has been reported. Remain in the building. Stand by for further instructions.” Both messages are accompanied by the activation of strobe lights.

7. **Building Utility Emergency:**

For any utility emergency or utility problem (including electrical, water, heating, air conditioning, elevator), contact Panther Central at 412-648-1100. In the event of a power failure, emergency

generators will supply power to emergency lighting, critical equipment, and every red receptacle. Maintenance request forms are available online for students to fill out at the website below.
<https://www.pc.pitt.edu/housing-services/maintenance-requests>.

8. Building Entry Procedures:

The Strand Building is open to individuals that have a University issued ID and have been given designated access to allow them into the building.

Do not enter The Strand Building or any campus building if you note that the building's emergency alarm is signaling, or that the building has been posted with signs that indicate an on-going emergency alarm condition.

If a student has a lost or stolen key:

1. Go online to Panther Central Community on <https://my.pitt.edu> and deactivate the lost card.
2. Student will have to obtain a new card from Panther Central and there is a \$20 fee.
3. If card is found and student already deactivated the card, then you still need to take your card to Panther Central and get it reactivated. There is no fee for this.

Important Phone Numbers:

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| Pittsburgh Campus Emergency | 412-624-2121 |
| Pitt Police | 412-624-2121 |
| Environmental Health and Safety | 412-624-9505 |
| Panther Central | 412-648-1100 |
| Facility Management | 412-624-9500 (For 2 nd Floor Suite Only) |