

**NATIONAL HIGH MAGNETIC
FIELD LABORATORY**

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3.1.1 PURPOSE – INTRODUCTION

The National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (NHMFL) has developed an Emergency Action Plan (EAP). An EAP is a plan that puts forth a systematic approach to dealing with a variety of emergencies.

The purpose of this plan and the accompanying procedures is to establish a system for managing emergencies that may affect staff and public safety, and the operation of the NHMFL. This plan seeks to prevent emergencies from occurring, but also focuses on preparing for emergencies that might occur and responding effectively using any necessary resources. An effective plan may prevent an emergency from occurring or may mitigate or reduce the severity of an emergency. The appropriate response may delay the onset of the emergency long enough to allow emergency response personnel to arrive and take action.

3.1.2 SCOPE

This plan applies to all emergencies occurring on the NHMFL property and any emergencies occurring on surrounding or nearby properties which may impact NHMFL personnel, property, or operations. Types of emergencies covered in this plan include:

- Introduction - SP-3.1
- General Emergencies (medical, loss of power) - SP-3.2
- Spills - SP-3.3
- Fire and Explosion - SP-3.4
- Hurricanes - SP-3.5
- Tornadoes - SP-3.6
- Floods - SP-3.7
- Bomb Threats - SP-3.8
- Civil Disturbances - SP-3.9

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3.1.3 POLICY

The NHMFL is committed to providing our employees and the citizens in our surrounding community with a safe working and living environment. Creating an environment that alerts personnel to possible risks encountered on the job is an integral part in the management of the NHMFL operations.

The NHMFL is obligated to protect personnel, property and operations from emergencies occurring on-site as well as off-site. While the laboratory cannot control the operations and activities of another business, the laboratory can prepare for emergencies caused by an off-site source by being familiar with the operations of nearby businesses and requesting information concerning chemical usage via freedom of information requests. Federal and state environmental regulations require that businesses report the types and quantities of chemicals used at their facilities. The NHMFL participates in the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). This committee is dedicated to ensuring that an effective emergency plan has been developed for the community and that the resources are available to implement the plan.

3.1.4 PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES

Management of the EAP program is critical to the success of the program. The NHMFL Safety Coordinator is responsible for maintenance of the plan and oversight of its implementation. The Safety Coordinator must also evaluate the effectiveness of the plan based on drills and exercises, and actual emergencies. A drill or emergency exercise should be implemented at least annually. The Safety Coordinator must review the EAP whenever there is a change in operations or conditions at the laboratory that could affect response to an emergency. Examples of changes that may affect the EAP would be moving the chemical or waste storage areas, construction of new rooms or walls that affect evacuation routes, or installation of new equipment, machinery, or chemical storage tanks.

In the absence of the Safety Coordinator, the Hazardous Materials Manager shall assume the Safety Coordinator's responsibilities.

3.1.5 SITE OVERVIEW

1. Location, Design, and Construction

The NHMFL is located at 1800 East Paul Dirac Drive in Leon County, Florida. It is approximately 1.5 miles southwest of the Florida State University (FSU) campus. The NHMFL is located in the Innovation Park approximately 2.5 miles southwest of downtown Tallahassee. Residential communities are located

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approximately 0.5 to 1 mile in all directions. The NHMFL facility has three floors in the A, B, and C General Science Buildings and OPMD (although access is controlled for floors 2 and 3). The NMR building has two floors. The General Science Buildings occupy 200,000 square feet, the OPMD occupies 90,000 square feet, and the NMR occupies 27,000 square feet. The total area for all buildings is 317,000 square feet. The General Science Buildings were constructed in the mid 1980's and the NMR and OPMD Buildings were constructed in the early 1990's. All buildings have sprinkler systems throughout. Materials used in construction include a concrete slab foundation, steel frame, concrete floors, and window walls, metal ribbing and synthetic plaster on the exterior. Portions of the NMR Building are framed with glue laminated Mexican pine to be compatible with the equipment in that building. The laboratory contains office areas, chemical laboratories, magnet fabrication and testing areas, magnet experiment cells, and laser laboratory areas. The laboratory is used 24 hours per day by staff, students, and visiting scientists. There are approximately 150 to 300 people in the laboratory during the working hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. There are approximately 50 to 100 people in the building from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

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2. Security and Site Control

The FSU Campus Police and NHMFL personnel provide security for the NHMFL. The Tallahassee Police Department also provides coverage to this area. Entrance to the facility is through the main lobby located on the south side of the B building. The receptionist requires visitors to sign a logbook and calls the person to be seen to the lobby to escort the visitor. Contractors sign in at the receptionist's desk and are directed to the Facilities Department.

3. Communications and Emergency Alarms

Communication at the NHMFL is via standard telephone service. In the event of an emergency in the OPMD Building, notification is made over the building intercom system. The fire alarm consists of beeping horns and blinking strobe lights. Pull stations are located throughout the facility. Each person at the laboratory should identify the locations of pull stations in their work area.

4. Reporting

Emergencies must be reported immediately to FSU Police at **4-1234** or the Leon County Police Department Dispatch at **9-911**. The call will then be routed to the appropriate agency based on the nature of the emergency. For Spills and Safety related Emergencies dial **4-0233** or **4-6955** (**pager 9-657-8278** or **9-657-8279**). The location and nature of the emergency must be accurately and completely described to ensure that the appropriate emergency response personnel are dispatched and that adequate resources are immediately allocated to the emergency.

Reporting to governmental agencies may be required in the event of a chemical release or spill. The NHMFL Safety Coordinator is responsible for reporting to governmental agencies information related to spills or releases. The Safety Coordinator will notify the Director of Facilities and Administration and Director of Instrumentation and Operations of the NHMFL whenever it is necessary to report to a governmental agency.

5. Outside Agency Assistance

In the event of an emergency, it may be necessary to contact outside agencies for reporting purposes or for assistance. While **9-911** can be used to summon the fire department, police, and/or emergency medical services, events may warrant the need to contact a governmental agency or consultant for technical assistance. The NHMFL Safety Department will contact the appropriate outside agencies for guidance and technical assistance whenever necessary.

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6. Personnel Roles and Key Contacts

In the event of an emergency, several NHMFL staff members will play key roles in the response. The key staff members are shown in Table 1. The contacts are listed in order in which they should be telephoned. The NHMFL utilizes a Floor Sweeper System to ensure all personnel evacuate promptly and safely.

TABLE 1 - KEY CONTACT CALL LIST

POSITION	NAME	WORK TELEPHONE	HOME TELEPHONE
Head of Facility Engineering and Operations	John Kynoch	850-644-8965	850-514-3246
Senior Electrical Engineer	Wes Morris	850-644-7592 850-657-8108 Pager	850-926-5743
Safety Coordinator	Kyle Orth	850-644-0233 850-657-8278 Pager	850-627-3055
Hazardous Materials Manager	Travis Adams	850-644-6955 850-657-8279 Pager	850-893-5253
Head of Magnet Operation	Bryon Dalton	850-644-1907 850-657-4097 Pager	850-514-7454
Control Room	Control Room Operator	850-644-4416 850-657-0122 Pager	850-657-0122 Pager
Cryogenic Operations	Cryo-systems Operator	850-644-8517 850-657-0123 Pager	850-657-0123
Director D/C Field Facilities	Bruce Brandt	850-644-4068	850-893-5511
FSU Maintenance	Steve Clemons	850-644-6428	850-591-8416at night: 850-644- 2424. If no answer, call 850-591-8416
Deputy Director	Brian Fairhurst	850-645-4864	850-894-5610
Director	Jack Crow	850-644-0851	850-668-4901

The NHMFL has developed this EAP in cooperation with the Leon County Emergency Planning Committee and the Tallahassee Fire Department. They have reviewed the plan and provided comments concerning their ability to respond to emergencies at the laboratory.

3.1.6 HOW TO USE THE EAP AND PROCEDURES

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This EAP and the attached procedures provide information that can be used by personnel in the event of an emergency. Sections 1 through 5 have outlined the basic requirements for the EAP and the personnel involved in emergency response.

The attached procedures provide specific instruction on how an individual should respond to a specific type of emergency. While these procedures cover the types of emergencies that can be anticipated at the NHMFL, there is no guarantee there will be a procedure for every emergency. In the event that a procedure is not available for a specific emergency, personnel are expected to take actions that ensure their safety and the safety of their co-workers. Personnel should exercise common sense and good judgement based on their knowledge of NHMFL operations and the conditions that exist at the time of the emergency. **Note: If calling from non-campus phone dial 644 and then the last 4 digits of the number desired. If calling out of the local area dial 850, the prefix (ex. 644) and the last 4 digits.**

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3.2.1 EMERGENCIES

A variety of emergencies can occur at NHMFL. Each employee must understand the proper procedures to be followed in various situations. This general emergency procedure reviews the following:

- 1. Your responsibilities in an emergency**
- 2. Emergency procedures for your work area**
- 3. Reporting Emergencies**
- 4. Evacuation**
- 5. Medical Emergencies**
- 6. Natural Disasters**
- 7. Man-made Emergency Situations**

3.2.2 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities of the employee in an emergency:

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1. Communicating emergencies to supervisors, fellow employees, safety personnel, control room operator(s), the FSU police, and the Tallahassee Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services completely and accurately.
2. Activating the fire pull station in the event of a fire or other emergency.
3. Evacuation of the building when the evacuation alarm sounds, following the procedures described below in Section 3.2.7 and possibly assisting others as described in section 3.2.8.
4. Reporting to the assigned rally points.
5. Assisting others in the evacuation
6. Providing or seeking medical care for injured persons.

Know the emergency procedures for your area, including:

1. Review the wall posters that show evacuation procedures, routes and exits.
2. Talk to your supervisor about what to do in an emergency – ask questions to make sure you fully understand.
3. Know the shutdown procedures for equipment in your area.
4. Be sure that Emergency numbers are posted on each telephone.
5. If unsure contact the NHMFL Safety Office (**Phone: 4-0233/4-6955**), **Pager 9-657-8278/9-657-8279**).
6. **SEE DIAGRAM FOR EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (Appendix A).**

3.2.3 REPORTING AN EMERGENCY

To report an emergency, follow this general procedure:

1. Dial 4-1234 for the FSU Police.
2. If the FSU Police cannot be reached, Dial 9-911.
3. Tell the person you reach the nature of the emergency (be as specific as possible).
4. The location of the emergency.
5. The extent of the injury or damage.

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Unless you must leave or assist in the emergency, stay on the phone to allow further direct communication as needed. For fires or other emergencies that require immediate evacuation, use the fire alarm pull station as you exit. This activates the alarm and automatically notifies the FSU police and the local fire department.

In the event of an emergency, the steps outlined in this procedure and Accident/Incident Investigation Procedure, Safety Procedure, SP-22 should be followed. This includes during (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday) and after normal working hours, including weekends and holidays, for obtaining medical care and reporting accidents and injuries.

3.2.4 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

In the event of a medical emergency, follow these procedures:

1. Dial the FSU Police at **4-1234**.
2. If the FSU Police is not available, dial **9-911**.

For the OPMD building only – Phone the Control Room Operator (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at 4-4416. If unavailable, then dial 4-1234 and/or 9-911.

Give the following information:

1. Nature of medical emergency.
2. Location of emergency; building and room number.
3. Your name and phone number from which you are calling.

Deliver First-Aid/CPR (if trained) until emergency medical services arrive. If possible, go or send someone to meet the Emergency Medical Services personnel and guide them to the injured person.

For minor injuries, contact the NHMFL Safety Department **4-0233/4-6955**.

3.2.5 LOSS OF POWER

When electrical power fails, there may be a delay until emergency generators provide adequate lighting. If you find yourself in the dark, do not panic or move about. When emergency lighting is activated, remain in your area unless instructed by the FSU Police or your supervisor, to leave. Do not attempt to light a match or candle unless you are certain there are no flammable vapors present.

For the OPMD Building only – The NHMFL Control Room will initiate shutdown operations in the event of an emergency shutdown due to loss of electricity or cooling water.

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3.2.6 EVACUATION

When the evacuation alarm sounds or you are notified to evacuate, leave the building and proceed calmly to the rally point (assembly area) nearest the door you exited. (See posted emergency evacuation maps located throughout NHMFL). The NHMFL uses a “Floor Sweeper” system to check that all personnel have evacuated. Quickly evacuate if told to do so by a “Floor Sweeper”. All personnel shall remain outside of the building until the “all clear” is given.

Rally points have been established for all NHMFL evacuation routes and procedures. See diagram for emergency action plan (Appendix A).

If you must evacuate your area:

1. Follow emergency shutdown procedures for equipment if time allows.
2. Exit calmly using the closest safe exit.
3. Don't delay by looking for belongings or other people unless you are a designated “buddy” for a handicapped employee.
4. Stay away from building utility areas, and all fire fighting equipment and hydrants.
5. Do not drive any vehicles unless instructed to do so.
6. Do not leave the facility's ground for any reason unless instructed by FSU Police, City of Tallahassee Fire Department or your supervisor.
7. Report to the rally point nearest the door where you exited the building. Visitors will need to report to the rally point nearest the door they exit the building.

8. Stay at the rally point until notified by NHMFL management or FSU Police to return to your work area.
9. All personnel shall remain at a minimum 100' for the building.
10. If possible, make sure you close your office door.

3.2.7 EVACUATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

If you have a disability that hinders your ability to evacuate the building, follow these procedures:

1. If the alarm sounds, and if you are unable to make your way down stairs, obtain assistance from other individuals who are familiar with your handicap.
2. If no one is able to assist you down the stairs proceed to the stairwell or designated area and inform other evacuees that you need immediate rescue. Stairwells and designated areas are designed to provide protection from smoke and fire; however, doors to these areas must be closed in order to afford you this protection. In the event of an emergency, handicapped personnel may use the elevators to exit the building, provided they are free from smoke and fire.
3. If you are unable to make your way to a stairwell or rally point, ask someone to activate the fire alarm on your floor. This will indicate your location to rescue personnel. Also, ask individuals to inform rescuers of your whereabouts in person or by telephone or use the telephone to call 4-1234 or 9-911 to tell the dispatcher where you are.
4. In a fire, position yourself so that your face is as close to the floor as possible. Crawl if necessary. Smoke fills the upper spaces first and most of the available oxygen is near the floor. Avoid smoke if possible. If smoke becomes too dense to breath, place clothing or some other heavy cloth over your nose and mouth to filter as much smoke as possible. Wet the cloth if possible.

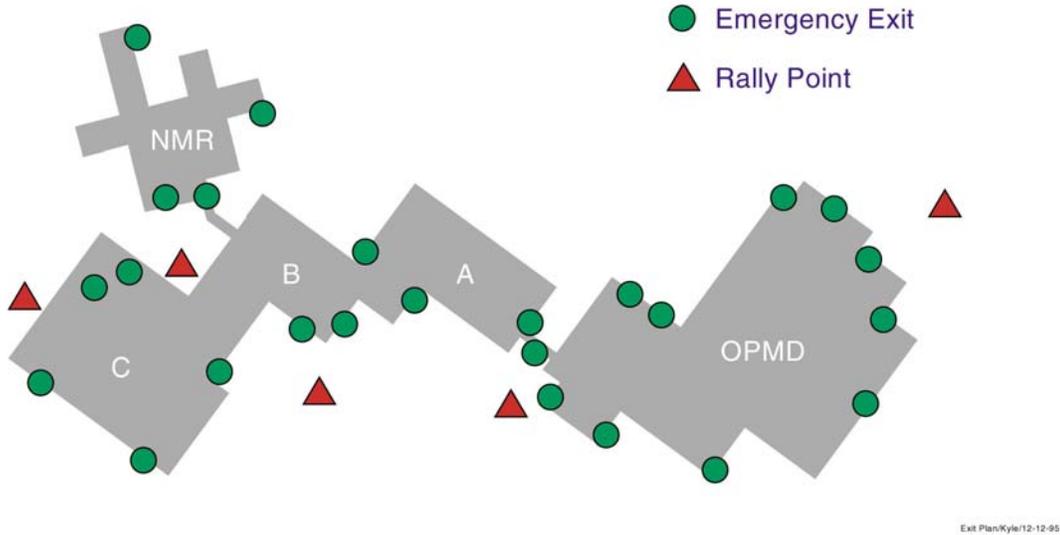
3.2.8 NATURAL DISASTER

Employees should monitor local news channels and radio stations or call 644-INFO outside the laboratory or 4-INFO within the laboratory for information about the closing of the laboratory due to natural disasters. Information is also available at <http://www.fsu.edu>. The NHMFL shall be considered closed whenever the state offices or FSU are announced closed. Employees are urged not to report to work under these circumstances. NHMFL has developed the following guidelines for natural disasters:

1. Earthquakes
2. Floods
3. Hurricanes
4. Tornadoes

Appendix A

Diagram for Emergency Action Plan



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3.3.1 SPILLS

The first rule of hazardous materials releases is to stay out of and away from the spilled, discharged, or released material, whether it is a liquid, solid, or gas. If you are exposed to the material, get away from it and have the material removed and neutralized immediately.

Small, minor spills may be cleaned up, providing the proper personal protective equipment is used and those involved have been trained in its use and the proper procedures for cleaning up the spill or leak. Personal protective equipment must be appropriate for the hazard present.

3.3.2 FOR ALL SPILLS: SURVEY THE SCENE AND IDENTIFY HAZARDS

When a spill occurs, assess the situation. Remember the following acronym (SWIMS)

1. S – Stop the spill
2. W – warn others
3. I – Isolate the area
4. M – Minimize exposure
5. S – Secure or start ventilation fans if necessarily

3.3.3 ALERT YOUR COWORKERS, IF NECESSARY

Alert other occupants of the area to inform them of the situation. Evacuate the area if:

1. You feel that the spill could be hazardous to those remaining in the area.
2. Anyone is unconscious or seriously injured from the spill.

3.3.4 ATTEND TO IMMEDIATE HAZARDS

1. Shut off the source of the spill (e.g., close the valve, upright the container)
2. If specific hazards are known, address them immediately. (e.g., eliminate sources of ignition for a flammable liquid spill).
3. Immediately secure the area around the spill.

3.3.5 ATTEND TO INJURED PERSONNEL

If injury is severe or the person is unconscious, treat as a Medical Emergency. Call the FSU Police at **4-1234** and give the following information:

1. Location of accident/incident - building and room number.
2. Types of material involved - liquid or solid (wet or dry), or gas.
3. Name of material involved if known.
4. Quantity involved.
5. Severity of injury.
6. Is an ambulance and/or physician required?

Locate the MSDS if available, after evacuating the area and contacting emergency personnel. If possible, go or send someone to meet emergency personnel and guide them to the emergency site.

3.3.6 FIRST AID FOR CHEMICAL EXPOSURES

Have a coworker consult the MSDS for the spilled material while you render assistance. Before giving first aid:

1. Put on proper protective equipment, if necessary.
2. Move the exposed person to a safe area.
3. Notify Safety Office and supervisor.

ONLY ATTEMPT FIRST AID IF TRAINED AND QUALIFIED.

For Skin Contact:

1. Remove contaminated clothing.
2. Immediately flush the affected skin area with large amounts of clean water for at least 15 minutes.
3. If symptoms persist after washing, seek medical attention.
4. Notify Safety Office and supervisor.

For Eye Contact:

1. Promptly flush eyes with water for a prolonged period (minimum of 15 minutes); hold eyelids open.
2. Don't put anything else into the eye except water unless instructed to do so by an emergency physician.
3. Seek medical attention.
4. Notify Safety Office and supervisor.

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For Chemical Inhalation:

1. Remove individual to fresh air.
2. Seek medical attention.
3. Notify Safety Office and supervisor.

For Ingestion:

Refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for proper treatment for ingestion. Encourage the victim to drink only if indicated on the MSDS. DO NOT force fluids on an unconscious individual. In addition:

1. DO NOT induce vomiting except on the advice of a physician.
2. Seek medical attention.
3. Notify Safety Office and supervisor.

Proceed with the necessary spill containment and clean-up procedures after rendering first aid.

3.3.7 CLEAN-UP OF SPILLS

Before proceeding with the clean up of a spill, you must know the level of hazard for the size of the spill:

1. Use the MSDS to assess the hazards. Is the material toxic? Is there an inhalation hazard? Skin or eye contact hazard? Ingestion hazard?
2. Does the material have any physical characteristics such as volatility, flammability, and water reactivity that may effect cleanup procedures?
3. Determine cleanup procedures and PPE required for cleanup.

3.3.8 FOR SMALL SPILLS - NO IMMEDIATE LIFE/HEALTH THREAT

1. Confine and cleanup the spill according to the MSDS.
2. Containerize and label the clean-up materials and contaminated trash.
3. Properly dispose of contaminated materials. **Do not dispose of cleanup materials with the office trash.**
4. Contact the Hazardous Materials Manager at **4-6955 (pager: 9-657-8279)** for assistance if necessary.

3.3.9 FOR LARGE SPILLS, NO IMMEDIATE LIFE/HEALTH THREAT

1. Notify your immediate supervisor.
2. Contact the Hazardous Materials Manager at **4-6955 (pager: 9-657-8279)**.
3. Get necessary assistance for containing the spill. Cover all drains and shutoff the source of the spill.
4. If the material is flammable, shut-off all sources of ignition.
5. Use proper protective equipment, cleanup equipment, and procedures according to the MSDS.
6. Avoid producing dust or aerosols.
7. Containerize and label the clean-up materials and contaminated trash.
8. Properly dispose of contaminated materials. **Do not dispose of cleanup materials with the office trash.**

3.3.10 ALL SPILLS - POSSIBLE LIFE/HEALTH THREAT

1. Evacuate all personnel from the area. Post barrier tape or control access to the area through the doorway.
2. Phone the FSU Police at **4-1234**.
3. Phone the Hazardous Materials Manager (**4-6955 / pager 9-657-8279**)
4. Prevent other people from entering the area until the appropriate authorities (Fire, Police, HAZMAT Team) or the Hazardous Materials Manager arrives.

REPORT ALL SPILLS TO THE NHMFL SAFETY DEPARTMENT: PHONE: 4-6955/4-0233, BEEPER: 9-657-8278/9-657-8279.

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3.4.1 FIRE AND EXPLOSION

The primary concern in the event of a fire is to evacuate everyone from the building as quickly as possible. Never place your personal safety in jeopardy during a fire!

3.4.2 PREPARE FOR A FIRE OR EXPLOSION

Be sure you know:

1. The evacuation routes and exits for your area (Appendix A).
2. The locations of fire alarm pull stations in you area.
3. Special emergency safety and shutdown procedures for your area.
4. The locations of fire extinguishers.
5. How to assist persons with disabilities, and
6. The location of the rally point for your area.

Talk to your supervisor about what to do in an emergency - ask questions to make sure that you fully understand.

3.4.3 IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE OR EXPLOSION

If you smell or see smoke, fire, or an explosion occurs, follow these steps:

1. Pull the manual fire alarm.
2. Call the FSU Police at **4-1234 or 9-911**. Give your name and the location of the fire and any relevant information about the event. (e.g., caused by, type of fire, etc.)
3. Do not attempt to use a fire extinguisher unless you are trained to use a portable fire extinguisher and the fire is in the beginning stages. **Do not fight the fire until you**

- have notified the fire department.** Even if the fire is small, the alarm should be activated immediately.... A small fire can grow quickly.
4. If you are not involved with fighting the fire, evacuate the building.
 5. Gather at your rally point. Stand by to tell officials the exact location of the fire and other pertinent information.
 6. Stay at the rally point until the all clear is given to return to the building.

3.4.4 EVACUATING A BURNING BUILDING

When you evacuate a burning building, follow these procedures:

1. Go to the nearest exit.
2. Feel doors for heat before opening. Use the back of your hand so you will not burn your palm. If the door is hot, try another exit.
3. If you are the last one out of the room, close the door but do not lock it. Locking the door will slow down the fire department's search and rescue efforts.
4. When you are out of the building, report to the nearest rally point.

In addition, follow these safety precautions:

1. Do not use elevators.
2. Stay low to avoid smoke and toxic gases. The best air is close to the floor, so crawl if you have to.
3. If possible, cover your mouth and nose with a damp cloth to help you breath.
4. Evacuate the building in a quick and orderly manner.
5. Stay calm.

3.4.5 IF YOU ARE TRAPPED IN A BURNING BUILDING

If you are trapped in a burning building, do the following:

1. Close all doors and seal cracks around doors and vents. Wet material works well.
2. Call **4-1234** or **9-911**, and report your exact location.
3. If possible, pull the nearest fire alarm to indicate that someone was at the location.

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3.5.1 HURRICANES

Hurricanes are severe tropical storms with sustained winds of 74 miles per hour or greater. Winds can reach 160 miles per hour and extend inland for hundreds of miles. Hurricanes bring torrential rains and a storm surge of ocean water that crashes into land as the storm approaches. Hurricanes also spawn tornadoes.

The National Weather Service issues hurricane advisories as soon as the hurricane appears to be a threat. The hurricane season lasts from June through November.

3.5.2 DURING A HURRICANE WATCH

1. A hurricane is possible within 24 to 36 hours. An evacuation may be necessary.
2. Gather emergency supplies, fuel for generators, batteries, first aid supplies, etc.
3. Begin to shutdown non-critical equipment.
4. Plan evacuation routes.
5. Stay tuned for additional advisories.
6. Tune to local radio, television stations, or internet sites for additional information.

3.5.3 DURING A HURRICANE WARNING

A hurricane will hit the warning area within 24 hours. Take precautions at once, including:

1. Pack clothing and necessities, including food and blankets.
2. Prepare your vehicle or make sure you have transportation if an evacuation occurs.

If advised, evacuate immediately.

3.5.4 IF YOU ARE CAUGHT IN A HURRICANE

If you are inside a building:

If you are located above the first floor or on a mezzanine: move immediately to the first floor and assemble in the center of the building away from glass windows or skylights. If there is falling debris, sit on the floor with hands and arms covering the head and face. For protection from falling objects and debris, position yourself under a table or similar fixture.

If you are outside a building:

1. Seek shelter on the first floor of a brick building.
2. If no shelter is available, crouch down in a tucked position.

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3.6.1 TORNADOES

Tornadoes are violent local storms that extend to the ground with whirling winds that can reach 300 miles per hour. Spawned from powerful thunderstorms, tornadoes can uproot trees and buildings and turn harmless objects into deadly missiles in a matter of seconds. Damage can be in excess of one mile wide and 50 miles long.

Tornadoes can occur in any state but occur more frequently in the Midwest, Southeast, and Southwest. They occur with little or no warning.

3.6.2 TORNADO WARNINGS AND WATCHES

Tornado Watch - Tornadoes are likely. Be ready to take shelter. Stay tuned to the radio and television stations for additional information.

Tornado Warning - A tornado has been sighted in the area or is indicated by radar. Take shelter immediately.

3.6.3 IF A TORNADO HITS, TAKE SHELTER

The best protection in a tornado is usually an underground area. If an underground area is not available, consider:

1. Small interior rooms on the lowest floor and without windows.
2. Hallways on the lowest floor away from doors and windows.
3. Rooms constructed with reinforced concrete, brick, or block with no windows and a heavy concrete floor or roof system overhead.
4. Protected areas away from doors and windows.

Once in a shelter, protect your head with your arms and crouch down.

If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. In addition:

1. Be aware of the potential for flooding.
2. Use arms to protect head and neck.

If in a car:

1. Never try to out drive a tornado in a car or truck. Tornadoes can change direction quickly and can lift up a car or truck and toss it through the air.
2. Get out of the car immediately and take shelter in a nearby building.
3. If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

3.6.4 UNSAFE SHELTERS

The following locations are **not** considered safe in a tornado:

Auditoriums, cafeterias, and gymnasiums that are covered with a flat, wide span roof (such as OPMD, NMR buildings). Lightweight modular offices or mobile home-size buildings offer no protection from tornadoes.

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3.7.1 FLOODS

Floods are the most common and widespread of all-natural disasters. Most communities in the United States can experience some degree of flooding after spring rains, heavy thunderstorms, or winter thaws. Most floods develop slowly over a period of days. Flash floods, however, are like walls of water that develop in minutes. Flash floods can be caused by intense storms and dam failure.

The NHMFL is in a area that is not prone to flooding. However, nearby roads that may be needed by employees to travel between the lab and home are often flooded. Employees should become familiar with areas that are likely to flood, watch for flooding during or following heavy rain, and plan alternate routes.

3.7.2 DURING A FLOOD WATCH

During a flood watch, follow these procedures:

1. Listen to a battery-operated radio for the latest storm information.
2. If instructed to do so, shutdown equipment and be prepared to move equipment and supplies to higher ground.
3. Be prepared to evacuate.

If indoors:

1. Turn on a battery-operated radio or television to get the latest emergency information.
2. If told to leave, do so immediately. Follow the instructions of the FSU Police and local authorities.

If outdoors:

1. Climb to high ground and stay there.
2. Avoid walking or driving through floodwater. If it is moving swiftly, water 6 inches deep can sweep you off your feet or push your vehicle off the road.
3. If your car stalls, abandon it immediately and climb to higher ground. Many deaths have resulted from attempts to move stalled vehicles.

3.7.3 DURING A FLOOD EVACUATION

Follow these rules during an evacuation:

1. If advised to do so, evacuate immediately.
2. Evacuation is much simpler and safer before flood waters become too deep for ordinary vehicles to drive through.

3. Follow recommended evacuation routes.
4. Do not attempt to report to work until flood waters recede.

3.7.4 AFTER A FLOOD

Flood dangers do not end when the water begins to recede. Follow these procedures after a flood:

1. Avoid low-lying areas.
2. Be alert for emergency vehicles, work crews, etc.
3. Listen to the radio or television and do not return until authorities indicate that it's safe to do so.
4. Contact FSU Police at **4-1234** to determine if you can return to the laboratory.

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3.8.1 RECOGNIZING A BOMB

You might suspect that an object is a bomb if it:

1. Does not belong
2. Is unusual
3. Is out of place
4. Is an unexpected mail delivery

3.8.2 IF YOU SUSPECT A BOMB

If you suspect that a bomb is present, follow these steps:

Do not attempt to move, disarm, or neutralize a suspected explosive device.

1. Call **4-1234** (FSU Police)
2. Call **9-911** and give your name, group, location, and telephone number
3. Notify your supervisor and fellow employees
4. Sound the fire alarm and evacuate the area following your building emergency evacuation plan (**Appendix B**).

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Do not alarm your fellow coworkers. Don't panic and don't spread rumors.

3.8.3 TELEPHONE BOMB THREAT

If you get a telephone bomb threat, follow these steps:

1. Stay calm. Do not confront or challenge the caller in any manner.
2. Without alerting the caller, try to signal another person to call FSU police at **4-1234** and say there is a bomb threat.
3. Keep the caller on the line as long as possible.
4. Call **4-1234** when the caller hangs up, if someone has not already done so.
5. If an alarm sounds, evacuate following the posted evacuation route for your area.

6. Document the conversation using the **Bomb Threat Form (Appendix B)**.

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**Appendix B
TELEPHONE BOMB THREAT FORM**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Be Calm. Be Courteous. Listen.
2. **Obtain information from the caller. Any person receiving a phone call in which the caller states that a bomb has been placed in any part of the facility should make every effort to obtain as much information as possible.**

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3. Call the FSU Police and the NHMFL Safety Department. Without alerting the caller, try to signal another person to call FSU Police at **4-1234** and say there is a bomb threat. Then contact the NHMFL Safety Department at the following numbers:

Safety Coordinator: Work: **4-0233** Beeper: **9-657-8278**
Hazardous Materials Manager: Work: **4-6955** Beeper: **9-657-8279**

If you are unable to signal another person wait until the caller hangs up and the call FSU Police and the NHMFL Safety Department.

QUESTIONS:

The following questions should be asked, if possible:

4. Where is the Bomb Located? _____
5. When is it set to explode? _____
6. What kind bomb is it? _____
7. What does it look like? _____
8. Why was the bomb placed? _____

OBSERVATIONS:

Caller's Identity: _____ Male _____ Female _____ Juvenile _____ Adult Approx. Age _____
Other Observations Noted: _____

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:

After notifying FSU Police and NHMFL Safety Department of the threat, let them discuss the situation with the department head or other management source to determine if the immediate area should be evacuated.

**DO NOT ALARM YOUR FELLOW COWORKERS UNNECESSARILY,
WHICH COULD RESULT IN MASS HYSTERIA. DON'T PANIC AND
DON'T SPREAD RUMORS.**

Under no circumstance will any NHMFL employee, visitor, user, contractor attempt to move, disarm, or otherwise neutralize a suspected explosive device.

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3.9.1 CIVIL DISTURBANCES

Civil disturbances may include riots, protests, strikes, and demonstrations and may occur at or near the NHMFL. Most demonstrations are peaceful and staff should attempt to carry on business as normally as possible. However, if such an event occurs the key to remaining safe is to not get involved or approach the area of the disturbance.

3.9.2 IN THE EVENT OF AN OFF SITE DISTURBANCE

If civil disorders or protests should take place in the NHMFL area, the NHMFL and the FSU Police will provide increased surveillance of the perimeter of the facility. Follow these procedures during an off-site civil disturbance:

1. Listen to the radio or television for updates on the disturbance and work cancellations.
2. If you are traveling to or from NHMFL, make sure that you stay well away from the location of the disturbance.
3. Make sure that you have your identification so that NHMFL personnel and the FSU police can ensure that you are an employee.

3.9.3 IF THE DISTURBANCE IS ON SITE

If the disturbance is on-site or near the laboratory, stay inside your building. By exiting your building, you may encounter a dangerous situation. In addition:

1. If you see a disturbance at or near the NHMFL, call the FSU police at **4-1234**.
2. Stay inside, away from open doorways and windows.
3. If outside, go inside to a safe area.
4. If you see an unusual individual and suspect that the person should not be in the area, call the FSU police at **4-1234**.
5. If approached by hostile individuals, avoid physical and verbal confrontations.
6. Follow instructions from your supervisor, NHMFL and the FSU police and the Tallahassee police. If asked to evacuate the building, follow the evacuation plan and procedures for your building.

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7. Make sure that you have your identification so that NHMFL personnel and the FSU police can ensure that you are an NHMFL employee, visitor, contractor, and user.

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3.10.1 EARTHQUAKES

Earthquakes can seriously damage buildings and their contents; disrupt gas, electric, and telephone services; and trigger landslides, flash floods, and fires. After shocks can occur for weeks following an earthquake.

In many buildings, the greatest danger to people in an earthquake is when equipment and non-structural elements such as ceilings, partitions, windows, and lighting fixtures shake loose. Earthquakes occur suddenly and without warning.

3.10.2 DURING A EARTHQUAKE

Take the following precautions during an earthquake:

1. Stay calm and keep others calm.
2. If indoors, stay there and get under an inside doorway, an inside corner of the room, or a desk or table to avoid falling objects, or brace yourself against an inside wall.
3. Protect your head and neck. Crouch down on the floor with your arms over your head.
4. If outdoors, move away from power lines buildings, street lights and other structures that could collapse.

3.10.3 AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE

Take the following precautions after an earthquake:

1. Do not light matches, smoke, or operate electrical devices that could ignite gas leaks or flammable vapors.
2. Stay away from windows, skylights, and items that could fall.

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3. Avoid downed wires and objects in contact with them.
4. Avoid areas where hazardous chemicals may be stored, damaged, or leaking.
5. Do not use elevators. Use stairways to leave the building if a building evacuation is necessary.
6. Use the telephone only in case of emergency or injury to yourself or others.
7. In an emergency, dial **4-1234** (FSU Police) or **9-911**.

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