

Sound the Alarm: Pull Station Awareness This Holiday Season

According to the United States Fire Administration, December is recognized as a high-risk month for fires due to seasonal decorations, overloaded electrical systems, and increased indoor activities. In office buildings, knowing how to quickly alert others can make all the difference.



What Is a Pull Station?

A manual fire alarm pull station is a wall-mounted device that allows anyone to manually activate the building's fire alarm system in case of emergency.

You'll often see them near exits, stairwells, and lobbies.

What Does It Do?

Once pulled, it immediately sets off audible and visual alarms throughout the building, alerting occupants to evacuate. It also notifies the central fire alarm panel, and in most city buildings, sends a signal directly to the FDNY.

When Should You Pull It?

Pull the fire alarm anytime you see smoke, fire, or signs of an emergency that require evacuation. Don't wait for automatic systems to trigger, early action saves lives.

How Do You Pull a Pull Station?

There are two common types:

Single-Action Pull Station: Just pull down the handle, that's it!

Dual-Action Pull Station: You may have to lift or push a cover first, then pull down the handle underneath.

It's quick, easy, and designed for anyone to use in an emergency.

REMEMBER

Only pull the station in a real emergency
False alarms are dangerous and against the law
Familiarize yourself with the pull stations on your floor

From the DCAS Fire and Life Safety Unit, stay informed, stay alert, and have a safe and joyful holiday season!

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