

Understanding Fire and Life Safety Director Announcements



Why This Matters:

When an alarm is activated, listening carefully to announcements helps you understand what is happening and what to do next. During an announcement, the fire safety director may describe what caused the alarm. Here are some common examples:

Smoke Detector Activation

This means a device detected smoke in a specific area or floor.

Pull Station Activation

This means someone manually activated the alarm by pulling a fire alarm station.

Waterflow Activation

This means water is moving through the sprinkler system, which usually indicates a fire may be present.

What you should do:

- Take the announcement seriously
- Follow the instructions provided

Possible Instructions You May Hear

1. Stand By

Remain at your workstation and await further instructions as the FLS staff investigates.

2. Shelter in Place

Stay inside your current location, close doors if possible, and wait for additional instructions.

3. In-Building Relocation

Move to a designated safe area or floor within the building as instructed.

4. Evacuation

Leave the building using designated stairwells and report to your assigned point of assembly.

Remember, FLSD announcements are made to provide clear direction and reduce panic. Listening carefully helps you respond quickly and safely.

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