

Emergency Evacuation Procedure October 2019

This document details the emergency evacuation procedure for Alphacrucis College Limited Front Cottage 37-47 Melville Street, Hobart 7000. Phone: 6231 5889.

<u>Objectives</u>

The objectives of this policy are to:

- provide a safe and healthy workplace environment within Alphacrucis College Limited
- uphold, observe and implement the requirements of the Work Health and Safety Act 2012 and the Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012.
- ensure the safety of all persons by providing for safe emergency evacuation from the Front Cottage at 37-47 Melville Street, Hobart

<u>Scope</u>

This policy applies to all members and adherents of Alphacrucis College Limited including students, staff, visitors and hirers whilst working or involved in any programs, activities, or official functions connected with Alphacrucis College Limited.

Occupancy

The front cottage at 37-47 Melville Street, Hobart, is used at various times, 7 days a week. The buildings are used by Alphacrucis College Limited and are occasionally rented out to other users. The largest group of people at any one time is during semester during the week days, when up to 40 people may be on site.

This document takes into account <u>three</u> levels of occupancy:

Level 1:	10–99 people	Alphacrucis College
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Level 2:	Up to 10 people	Alphacrucis College
		Limited staff and students
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Emergency Warning System

Level 1: Wardens will notify occupants of fire or other emergency.

Level 2: Wardens will notify occupants of fire or other emergency.

Brigade Notification

The fire brigade is called to all incidents of fire or suspicion of fire such as visible flame or signs of smoke. There will be no criticism of any person who uses initiative in this respect nor should such action need another person's permission.

Assembly Area

The footpath in front of 35 Melville Street (next door toward Argyle Street) is the designated assembly area. (See Attachment 3).

If access to the footpath in front of 35 Melville Street is compromised because of an emergency, then the front of the UTAS Student accommodation building at 49 Melville building becomes the designated assembly area.

Officers Required for the Three Levels of Occupancy

1. 10–99 people	Chief Warden
	Floor or Area Wardens (x2)

2. Up to 10 people

Chief Warden

Appointment of Officers

For Alphacrucis College Limited a suitable number of wardens will be appointed and trained to cover our usual activities and levels of occupancy.

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Usual Level of Occupancy:	Level 1 / Level 2
Chief Warden:	Mary McCarthy

(less than 100 people) (AC Staff)

Floor or Area Wardens:

Floor/Area	Area Warden
Ground Floor	Ella Hickey
First Floor	Mary McCarthy
Attic	Barb Hattrell

For hire occupancy, the Hirer will take responsibility for appointment and training of officers to the required level, for the duration of the hire period. Prior to the hire, the Hirer will be supplied with all necessary Roles and Responsibilities (Attachment 1) documentation and will sign a Hirer's Declaration for Emergency Responsibilities (Attachment 2), stating compliance to all requirements.

Emergency Action Guide

This document will be displayed prominently in all areas of the buildings (Attachment 3).

Officers' Identification

The wardens will be supplied with and wear as appropriate:

Chief Warden	White safety vest
Floor and Area Wardens	Yellow safety vest

The safety vests will be maintained and stored at the designated workplace area of each warden

Incident Log

A suitable log will be kept in the Alphacrucis College Limited office. An incident report form is attached (Attachment 4).

<u>Attachments:</u>

- 1. Roles and responsibilities for emergency evacuation personnel
- 2. Hiring declaration for emergency responsibilities
- 3. Emergency action guide
- 4. Incident report form

<u>Exits</u>

Exit signs indicate preferred exit paths. Exit lights must be operating correctly and remain visible at all times. All paths leading to exits shall remain clear and unobstructed at all times. All preferred exit doors must only be fitted with lever or push action type hardware.

Preventative Measures

Fire Prevention is as important as developing efficient means of fighting fire. People are therefore encouraged to take note and bring to the attention of the Chief Warden:

- any flammable liquids, fuels and gases that are not clearly marked or stored safely.
- any areas of the premises that are not kept clean and clear of dry vegetation and flammable rubbish.
- any rubbish not being disposed of safely.
- any equipment and furniture that may impair access to installed fire fighting equipment.

Assembly Points

All persons on the premises are to evacuate in the quickest possible manner, without panicking or running and assemble in the emergency area on the footpath in front of 35 Melville Street Hobart.

If access to the footpath in front of 35 Melville Street is compromised because of an emergency, then the front of the UTAS Student accommodation building at 49 Melville building becomes the designated assembly area.

An evacuation plan and procedure is displayed in all offices, foyers, main corridors and on notice boards as appropriate.

Reporting

All incidents requiring an evacuation are to be reported using an Incident Report Form with a copy forwarded to the Chief Warden.

Roles and Responsibilities

All persons are responsible for:

- making the safety of themselves and others the first priority
- notifying the Chief Warden of any risks or hazards identified
- adopting standard precautions and using personal protective equipment provided
- completing reports following accidents or injuries

Chief Warden	(Attachment 1)
Floor or Area Warden	(Attachment 1)

<u>Review Date</u>

This document and procedures contained herein will be reviewed annually by Alphacrucis College Limited.

Last review date: 08/10/2019 By: M McCarthy – Campus Director

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATION PERSONNEL

Chief Warden – White Safety Vest

On becoming aware of an emergency, the Chief Warden shall take the following actions:

- 1. Ascertain the nature of the emergency and determine appropriate action.
- 2. Ensure that the appropriate emergency service has been notified (dial 000).
- 3. Ensure that Floor or Area Wardens are advised of the situation (if applicable).
- 4. If necessary, initiate evacuation and control entry to the affected areas.
- 5. Oversee the progress of the evacuation and ensure any action taken is recorded on an incident report form and subsequently in the incident log.
- 6. Brief the emergency services personnel upon their arrival on type, scope and location of the emergency and the status of the evacuation. Thereafter, act on the senior officer's instructions.

<u>Floor or Area Wardens</u> – Yellow Safety Vest

On hearing an instruction to evacuate or on becoming aware of an emergency, Floor or Area Wardens shall take the following actions:

- 1. Implement the emergency procedures for their floor or area.
- 2. Ensure that the appropriate emergency service has been notified.
- 3. Check area for any abnormal situation.
- 4. Commence evacuation if the circumstances warrant this.
- 5. Ensure that the appropriate emergency service has been notified.
- 6. Check to ensure that fire doors are properly closed.
- 7. Search the area to ensure all persons have evacuated.
- 8. Ensure orderly flow of persons from the building toward the emergency assembly area.
- 9. Assist persons with disabilities.
- 10. Act as leader of groups moving to nominated assembly area.
- 11. Communicate with the Chief Warden by whatever means available and act on instructions.
- 12. Advise the Chief Warden as soon as possible of the circumstances and action taken.
- 13. Co-opt persons as required to assist during an emergency.

HIRING DECLARATION FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Hirer will be supplied with a copy of the Alphacrucis College Limited Emergency Evacuation Procedure, including Roles and Responsibilities of Officers nominated for emergency purposes, and the location of emergency equipment and emergency exits.

The Hirer is obligated to comply with all requirements of this Emergency Evacuation Procedure.

The Hirer must appoint the appropriate number of officers to be responsible in the event of an emergency while occupying the buildings and must brief the officers on their duties.

I _____ on behalf of ______,

Hirer of the buildings for the following dates/times:

DATE	TIME FROM	TIME TO	ESTIMATED NO. OF PEOPLE	LEVEL OF OFFICERS REQUIRED

I hereby state:

- that I have been supplied with Alphacrucis College Limited's Emergency Evacuation Procedure, Emergency Action Guide, Roles & Responsibilities for Emergency Evacuation Personnel, Incident Report Form and Hiring Declaration for Emergency Responsibilities.
- that I have read these documents,
- that I undertake to comply with them in full.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

EMERGENCY ACTION GUIDE

IN CASE OF

EMERGENCY

Follow advice from a warden or leave immediately through the nearest safe



GO TO YOUR ASSEMBLY AREA AT

On the footpath in front of 35 Melville Street (next door heading towards Argyle Street)

If access to the footpath in front of 35 Melville Street is compromised because of an emergency, then the front of the UTAS Student accommodation building at 49 Melville building becomes the designated assembly area.

REPORTED BY:	
NAME:	POSITION:
REPORTED TO:	
NAME:	POSITION:
DATE OF INCIDENT:	
DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT	:
	DATE:
COPY GIVEN TO:	

INCIDENT REPORT FORM

Please note: This form must be completed by the person attending to incident and returned to the administration office as soon as possible. If you cannot provide <u>all</u> details at the time of the incident, write 'to be confirmed' in the space and let the administration office know when you have the confirmed details.

Date	
Time	
Area of Premises	
Person Name	
Others Involved	
Witnesses	
Detailed description of what happened	
Description of first aid given	
Next of kin notified? Advice given?	
Other Information	