University of Pittsburgh
Barco Law Building
3900 Forbes Avenue
Occupant Information


Barco Law 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. 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.

   iii. Proceed to an assembly point away from the building. The closest assembly area for Barco Law Building is David Lawrence Hall at 3942 Forbes Avenue.

   iv. 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, go to the [Safe Building Evacuation](#) under Fire Safety on the EH&S website. In the event of a prolonged evacuation or in climate weather conditions, a short-term assembly site will be opened. The short-term assembly area for occupants of the Barco Law Building is David Lawrence Hall. In the event of a major emergency, the long-term assembly area for the occupants of the Barco Law Building is the Petersen Events Center. If sheltering is necessary, you will be informed by University representatives to proceed to either of these sites.

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.

**Evacuation routes**

**Floors 5-3** - Exit north using Stairwell A, down to floor 1 and egress towards Forbes Avenue, Or,
Exit using Stairwell B, down to floor 1 and egress towards South Bouquet Street.

**Floor 2** - Exit north using Stairwell A, down to floor 1 and egress towards Forbes Avenue, Or,
Exit using building entrance/exit on floor 2 and egress onto bridge between Posvar Hall and Litchfield Towers, above Forbes Avenue, Or,
Exit using Stairwell B, down to floor 1 and egress towards South Bouquet Street.

**Floor 1** – Exit using the main entrance/exit, egress north, directly onto Forbes Avenue, Or,
Exit using south building entrance/exit and egress onto the plaza near Wesley Posvar Hall, Or,
Exit using Stairwell A and egress directly onto Forbes Avenue, Or,
Exit west using Stairwell B and egress towards South Bouquet Street.
Ground Floor - Exit east using building entrance/exit and egress onto the plaza facing David Lawrence Hall,
Or,
Exit using Stairwell A, up to floor 1 and egress onto Forbes Avenue,
Or,
Exit using Stairwell B, up to floor 1 and egress onto South Bouquet Street.

4. 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.

(2) AED locations in the Barco Law Building

- 2nd Floor - Elevator Lobby
- 4th Floor - Law Library

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.


Barco Law School 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 remain-in-place announcement, as in an active shooter situation or security lockdown: “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.

6. Building Utility Emergency

For any utility emergency or utility problem (including electrical, water, heating, air conditioning, elevator), contact Facilities Management at 412-624-9500. In the event of a power failure, emergency generators will supply power to emergency lighting, critical equipment and every red receptacle.
7. **Building Entry Procedures**

During the school year Barco Law School is open from:

- **Monday-Thursday:** 6:45am-10:00pm
- **Friday:** 6:45am-5:00pm
- **Saturday:** 9:45am-6:00pm
- **Sunday:** 11:45pm-8:00pm

During the summer Barco Law School is open from:

- **Monday-Thursday:** 6:45am-6:00pm
- **Friday:** 6:45am-5:00pm
- **Saturday:** 8:45am-5:00pm
- **Sunday:** Closed

**Library hours during the school year**

- **Monday-Thursday:** 7:30am-10:00pm
- **Friday:** 8:00am-5:00pm
- **Saturday:** 10:00am-6:00pm
- **Sunday:** 12:00pm-8:00pm

**Library hours during the summer**

- **Monday-Thursday:** 8:00am-6:00pm
- **Friday:** 8:00am-5:00pm
- **Saturday:** 9:00am-5:00pm
- **Sunday:** Closed

For any further questions, please review the [https://www.law.pitt.edu/student-resources/barco-law-building-hours](https://www.law.pitt.edu/student-resources/barco-law-building-hours).

Do not enter the Barco Law School 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 condition.

**Important Phone Numbers**

- **Pittsburgh Campus Emergency** 412-624-2121
- **Pitt Police** 412-624-2121
- **Facilities Management** 412-624-9500
- **Environmental Health and Safety** 412-624-9505

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