Policy

The University needs to respond promptly to any emergency that could arise on campus or in its buildings to reduce as far as possible injuries, and damage arising from the emergency.

Guidance

Individual Action in Case of Emergency

1. Overriding Rule

In Event of the fire alarm sounding (a continuous ringing) evacuation should be immediate. Staff should urge students to leave quickly.

All evacuees should muster at the designated assembly point as indicated on the "Action in Case of Fire Notice" for further information and instructions.

N.B. The alarm can be operated whenever evacuation is required, e.g. chemical spillage, biological spillage, gas leak, fire, etc.

2. Fire/Explosion

Detailed information is given in the Fire Safety Section. In event of fire/explosion the person at the scene should

(1) Operate the fire alarm (break glass of manual call point).

(2) Use hose reel or fire extinguishers if knowledgeable in their use but ensuring they take no personal risk. If not immediately successful, evacuate.

(3) Evacuate, encouraging others to do likewise and close doors on way out.

(4) Report to security/department senior staff/fire services/safety on leaving the building to inform emergency services of exact problem.

3. Bomb Threat

In the event of a bomb threat the Hong Kong Police have advised they will take responsibility for the action to be taken. However, staff of the University have an important role to play in enabling the police to carry out their work. Staff therefore should:
1. On receipt of a threat, try and determine from the caller the alleged time of detonation and the precise location of the device (also note any other information which may assist the police in their enquiries). **Do not evacuate the building at this stage.**

2. Call the police on 999 immediately. You will be put in touch with a senior officer who will advise you of the action to take.

3. If you are advised to evacuate the building, break the glass of the nearest fire alarm operating point. Evacuate and report details to the nearest Security or Police officer.

4. If you are advised of alternative action, carry out that action and call the Security Control Centre and the Safety Office so that appropriate procedures can be adopted.

### 4. Suspicious Object, Package or Letter

In the event of a suspicious object, package or letter being found, the Hong Kong Police have advised they will take responsibility for the action to be taken. However, staff of the University have an important role to play in enabling the police to carry out their work. Staff therefore should:

1. When a suspicious object or package is located, do not touch or move it. **Do not evacuate the building at this stage.**
2. Call the police on 999 immediately. You will be put in touch with a senior officer who will advise you of the action to take.

### 6. Telephone Numbers

**Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade:**
- Main Estate *(2859/2857/2241/2219 xxxx)*
- Medical Faculty *(2809/2819 xxxx)*
- Dental Faculty *(2859 0xxx)*

**Security Control Centre (24 hours)** 2859 2882

**Safety Office** 3917 2400

**University Health Service** 2859 2501

*66 is a 'fast track' number for emergency contact purposes.*