

## *McCORMICK PLACE*

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR VISITORS**

At McCormick Place, the safety of our visitors has always been of paramount importance.

McCormick Place has been built using the highest standards of safety and fire-resistive construction. Both facilities are equipped with sophisticated fire detection and protection systems and computerized alarm systems. The Hyatt Regency - McCormick Place Hotel and our new Conference Center are also equipped with comparable alarm systems. When an alarm is activated, the system will automatically transmit a signal to Chicago's "9-1-1 Center", the City's emergency communications center. This will initiate an immediate response from the Chicago Fire Department.

In addition, we remain in constant communication with designated high-ranking officials from both the Chicago Police Department and Chicago Fire Department, making us an integral part of the City's emergency response team.

In certain circumstances, as with any facility, an emergency requiring evacuation may occur. McCormick Place has highly trained Security and Fire Safety personnel, which includes many active or former members of the Chicago Police and Fire Departments. Should an emergency occur, we will consult with the organizer of each event to determine appropriate actions.

If the emergency is minor, such as a small fire, the Security and Fire Safety staff may insist that visitors in the immediate area move to a safer location within the same building. If the emergency is greater, the Chicago Fire Department or our own Security and Safety personnel will advise the guests in the facilities over the public announcement system or other means, and most likely have the guests move to another hall or building, until the emergency is resolved.

Since McCormick Place is a complex of interconnected buildings, evacuation to the outside is not always necessary. However, if conditions warrant this, guests will be directed over the public announcement system to exit from the closest "Emergency Exit" and distance themselves from the building. Doors marked with illuminated signage stating "Stairs" also serve as emergency exits. Even in the event of a power failure, all of the emergency systems, including fire alarm systems, will run on emergency power. At anytime, if guests feel the need to exit the building, they can do so through the closest "Emergency Exits" which will remain illuminated for greater visibility and accessibility.

Adjacent to McCormick Place are many open parking lots, roadways and grass areas that can serve as temporary safe areas in which to meet and wait until the emergency is over.

McCormick Place is working with each event to tailor-make an emergency plan suitable for each; however, in general, the easiest way to access these safe areas is:

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Hall "A": West exits - proceed into the West terrace, go down stairs and exit on King Dr.  
East exits - proceed into the dock area and walk left (North) to the bridge and open grass area, or walk right (South) to the vehicle ramp and proceed down the ramp to exit on King Drive.  
East "Stair" exits - go down stairs into our vehicle tunnels, and proceed South to exit into the 31<sup>st</sup> Street Parking Lot.  
Center exits (Food Pods) – go down the stairs into the vehicle tunnel, and proceed South to exit on King Drive.

Hall "B": West exits - proceed into the West roadway, and walk left (South) to the vehicle ramp. Continue down the ramp and turn left to King Drive, or walk down the stairs and re-enter McCormick Place proceeding to the closest exits (West) into McCormick Square (fountain area) and then walk to King Drive.  
East exits – proceed into the East roadway and walk right (South) across the bridge to grass area, or walk left (North) to the outside stairs and go down those stairs to exit into the North Parking Lot.

Hall "C": West exits - proceed into the West tunnel and walk right (North) into the North Parking Lot.  
East exits - proceed into the East tunnel and walk left (North) into the North Parking Lot.

Hall "D": West exits - proceed into the West roadway and walk left (South) to the bridge and grass area.  
East exits - proceed into the East roadway and walk right (South) to the fountain area. Continue down the stairs or vehicle ramp to the lakefront.  
North exits – proceed to the East or West outdoor stairs, and walk down and then North to the lakefront.

Hall "E": West exits - proceed into the West corridor and walk right (North) to the stairs leading into Soldier Field Parking Lot.  
East exits - proceed into the East corridor and walk left (North) to the stairs leading to the lakefront.

Hall "F": West exits - proceed down the stairs and exit on Indiana Avenue  
East exits – proceed down the stairs and exit on King Drive  
South exits – proceed down stairs and exit into the 24<sup>th</sup> Place “open tunnel”.  
Turn right and walk West to Indiana Avenue, or turn left and walk East to King Drive, whichever is closer.  
Food pod exits – proceed down the stairs and exit into the Prairie Avenue “tunnel”. Walk South to 24<sup>th</sup> Place “open tunnel” and then continue West to Indiana Avenue or East to King Drive, whichever is closer.

Skyline West exits – proceed the into the lobby/hallway and down the stairs to exit  
Ballroom: on Indiana Avenue  
North exits – proceed into the lobby, go down the stairs, and exit on 22<sup>nd</sup> St.  
South exits – proceed into the Parking Garage, go down the stairs, and exit into the Prairie Avenue “tunnel”. Proceed North in the tunnel to exit at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.