



65f. Emergency evacuation procedure for examinations

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Exams Emergency evacuation procedure for examinations

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When dealing with emergencies you **must** be aware of any instructions from relevant local or national agencies.

In an emergency such as a fire alarm or a bomb alert, the invigilator **must** take the following action:

- stop the candidates from writing.
- collect the attendance register (to ensure all candidates are present) and evacuate the examination room in line with the instructions given by the appropriate authority.
- advise candidates to leave all question papers and scripts in the examination room. Candidates **must** be advised to close their answer booklet.
- ensure the candidates leave the room in silence.
- ensure candidates are supervised as closely as possible while they are out of the examination room so that there is no discussion about the examination.
- make a note of the time of the interruption and how long it lasted;
- allow the candidates the remainder of the working time set for the examination once it resumes.
- if there are only a few candidates, consider the possibility of taking the candidates (with question papers and scripts) to another place to finish the examination.

A full report of the incident **must** be produced and retained on file if required by an awarding body.

Any breach of question paper security or malpractice **must** be reported to the awarding body **immediately**.

An online application for special consideration **must** be submitted to the relevant awarding body where candidates have been disadvantaged.

