

APPENDIX C

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INTRODUCTION

Planned as well as unplanned power outages may occur for brief periods of time. In Newfoundland, however, major power outages are often associated with severe weather. Memorial will implement the steps contained under Severe Weather Appendix (D) when these situations occur.

In the event of a power outage, the emergency lights in the corridors and stairwells will provide minimal lighting, lasting on average twenty (20) minutes to allow for safe evacuation of the building.

PROCEDURES

- Remain calm.
- Report the power failure to CEP and/or Work Control (St. John's) providing specifics on location, number of occupants and the scope of the power outage if known (Work Control St. John's 864-7600, CEP St. John's 864-4100).
- If you are working in an area where you suspect a gas leak or that flooding caused the power outage, cease all operations immediately and notify CEP (864-4100) to initiate a building evacuation.
- If you are advised by emergency personnel, evacuate to your nearest assembly point and await further instructions from emergency personnel.
- Do not reenter the building unless advised to do so by emergency personnel.
- If in an elevator, use the telephone to notify CEP.
- If in a dark workspace, determine whether or not you can move cautiously to a lighted area. If you are not able to do so, stay where you are. A search of the building will be conducted and you will be assisted to ensure a safe evacuation.
- If in a residence, await instructions from your residence life advisor.
- Assist others if necessary.

REMEMBER

- Emergency wardens have been appointed in all buildings on campus.
- If it is determined that the power outage will last for an extended period of time, an announcement may be made regarding closure.
- Place an uninterrupted power supply on all electronic devices or unplug all electrical equipment to avoid a power surge upon restoration.

Emergency Code Plans

- It may take a few minutes before full power is restored to your building, and this will need to be considered before turning on all of your electrical equipment/devices at one time.
- Back-up power may only be a short term or temporary solution.
- Fume hoods do not operate during a power outage. Do not resume laboratory work until proper ventilation has been restored to the area. Health and Safety personnel should be consulted in all such cases.
- Keeping a flashlight, batteries, portable radio, and/or a small first aid kit in your work/study area is a good idea.