

# UBC/Chemistry - Fire Response Options

## DO NOT WORK ALONE

- 1. If you are in a room where a fire occurs** and you can see what is on fire and can identify:
  - **Type of fire** – normal combustible materials, solvents or electrical;
  - Do you have access to the appropriate fire extinguisher in the room?
  - Is the fire small enough (or contained), **DO NOT WORK ALONE** if you decide to attempt extinguishing the fire;
  - **FIRST** – Instruct somebody to **Call 911 and Security (604-822-2222)** to activate emergency assistance; and, **notify your PI/Supervisor as soon as it is safe to do so**;
  - **SECOND:**
    - If you are unable to extinguish fire, leave the room
    - Close the door behind you **DO NOT LOCK THE DOOR**.
    - Activate the Emergency Pull on your way out to evacuate the building.
- 2. If you are outside of the room where the fire is located, DO NOT enter into the room;** leave the building;
  - Activate the Emergency Pull on your way out to evacuate the building.
  - **Call 911 and Security (604-822-2222)** to activate emergency assistance; **notify your PI/Supervisor as soon as it is safe to do so**.
- 3. If the fire is contained inside equipment (e.g., drying oven) AND you are not able to see inside the equipment without opening the door - DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR**
  - If safe to do so, unplug the equipment from the electrical source and leave the building
  - Activate the Emergency Pull on your way out to evacuate the building.
  - **Call 911 and Security (604-822-2222)** to activate emergency assistance; **notify your PI/Supervisor as soon as it is safe to do so**.