

Emergency Evacuation Procedure for Examinations

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 seating plan (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.