DEARNESS HOME POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

TYPES OF FIRE ALARMS

The fire alarm system is a two stage alarm system, which has been designed to activate as follows:

FIRST STAGE ALARM (ALERT SIGNAL) - The first stage alarm is activated by a smoke detector, heat detector, flow switch or manual pull station. The fire alarm bells will ring slowly (20 beats per minute). During this stage, the Code Red Fire Emergency Response Plan will be activated as outlined in the Plan. Evacuate the affected area (fire zone).

SECOND STAGE ALARM (ALARM SIGNAL) - The second stage alarm will be manually activated if the fire is getting "out of control", all fire alarm bells will ring quickly during the second stage alarm (increased beats per minute). Upon initiation of the second stage alarm proceed with “Code Green Evacuation Procedures” as outlined in the Plan. Evacuate the entire building.

NOTE: Activation of the second stage alarm will be initiated by authorized personnel only (e.g. the Chief Warden as directed by the Chief Fire Official). To activate the second stage alarm, open fire pull station and insert second stage key and turn. Evacuation mode will start instantly once key is turned. The Chief Warden and all managers have this second stage key.