

Night Club Safety

These tips have been compiled to make nightclub patrons safety conscious.

Before you enter a night club:

- **Have a communication plan** - Identify a relative or friend to contact in case of emergency and you are separated from family or friends.
- **Plan a meeting place** - Pick a meeting place outside to meet family or friends with whom you are attending the function. If there is an emergency, be sure to meet them there.
- **Be situationally aware –**
 - Is this a legal establishment?
 - Are there occupancy signs posted?
 - Do doors open outward?
 - Are exits clearly marked?
 - Is the business decorated by highly combustible furnishings / wall treatments - dried plants/flowers, carpeted walls, etc.?
 - Are candles in use on tables or as decorations?
 - Are fire extinguishers visible?

When you enter a night club:

- **Locate exits immediately** - Look for all available exits. Some exits may be in front, some in the back, and even on the sides. Be prepared to use your closest exit. You may not be able to use the main exit.
- **Check for clear exit paths** - Check to make sure your exit door is not locked or blocked. ***If the exit is locked or blocked or exit paths are obstructed, report the violation to management; and, leave the building if it is not immediately addressed.***

During an emergency:

- **React immediately** - If you see smoke or fire, or other unusual disturbance, immediately exit the building in an orderly fashion.
- **Get out, stay out!** - Once you have left, stay out. Get away from the exits, so you do not obstruct them, making it more difficult for others to exit or emergency responders to perform their duties. Let trained Firefighters conduct rescue operations.

To report a fire, a life threatening situation or a medical emergency, immediately **Call 9-1-1 from outside the building.**