

Emergency Evacuation Procedure for Examinations

When dealing with emergencies you must be aware of any instructions from relevant local or national agencies.

Reference should also be made to the following document:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bomb-threats-guidance/procedures-for-handling-bomb-threats>

The invigilator **must** take the following actions in an emergency, such as a fire alarm or a bomb alert.

- Stop the candidates from writing
- Collect the attendance register (**in order to ensure all candidates are present**)
- Evacuate the examination room in line with the instruction given by the appropriate authority/ fire marshal.
- Advise candidates to leave all question papers and scripts in the examination room.
- Ensure candidates leave the room in silence.
- Make sure that the candidates are supervised as closely as possible while they are out of the examination room to make sure 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 full working time set for the examination.
- 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.
- Make a full report of the incident and of the action taken, and send to the relevant awarding body.