# The Evacuation Scenario

A siren started beeping in the workplace on the third floor, staff were unsure what to do, some said we need to leave, others said it is just maintenance testing the alarm. Five people walked out into the corridor looking for what others might be doing. Four other staff walked down the stairs, another two decided to go upstairs to find their colleagues, a worker in wheelchair was left alone in the office, and a hearing-impaired worker was still in the bathroom.

The staff in the corridor decided to leave the building and go for a walk for lunch, so all five got into the lift. The siren then became a different noise, it is a constant ringing alarm now not just a beeping noise. At the same time, a fire truck with six firefighters arrived. They cut the electricity, the emergency exit lights went on and the lifts stopped working.

Soon, two firefighters arrived at the third floor, they see the staff member in the wheelchair, so they called for assistance and arranged for two other firefighters to go there to carry the worker down to safety. They find the hearing-impaired worker who was just leaving the bathroom and escort her to the stairs giving instructions to go down and exit the building. They see no one else is left on this floor and proceed upstairs.

As they are going upstairs, they find an alone staff member who has tripped and fallen in the stairwell, he is bleeding from the head and cannot stand up, he said others were running down the stairs, and unable to keep up the same pace, he said he was pushed and then he fell, everyone else in their panic stepped over him and kept going. Again, the firefighters call for assistance, needing a stretcher and another two more firefighters to safely remove him. He is taken outside; an ambulance is called.

All the firefighters are now busy controlling the situation and making sure the building is empty while they are looking for the cause of the alarm.

Meanwhile the staff member on the stretcher is still bleeding, another staff member ran to his car to get a First Aid kit but then realised all the bandages had been used at his son’s football game on the weekend, and he had not replaced them, he found an old towel in his car, and he is going to use it to help to stop the bleeding.

On the fourth floor, childcare was in a shamble, frightened children were screaming and crying. Childcare workers are trying to figure out how to carry the babies' downstairs, they will need many firefighters to help. More fire trucks were called to assist to carry the babies out.

Then the firefighters realised a lift was stuck, they did not know how many were trapped, the staff outside have started to get in their cars and leave, others walk away from the scene as it was lunch time anyway. The Manager realised that when asked, he could not tell who or how many were still in the building.

The firefighters find the sandwich press still on in the kitchen on the fifth floor, with burnt sandwiches still smouldering, the kitchen fire alarm had been triggered causing the need to evacuate the building. The firefighters have recommended that many work procedures are needed for the workplace to prevent a similar occurrence and to better manage emergency procedures.