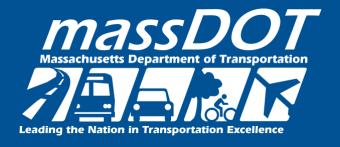
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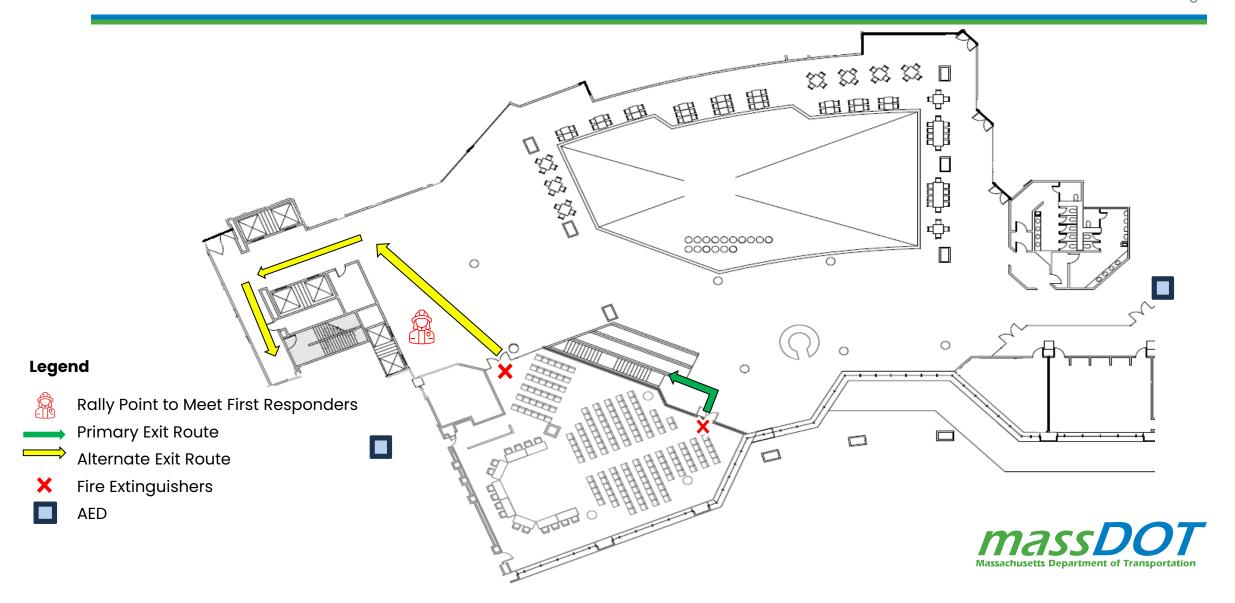
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### **Safety Contact**



#### **Drowning Data and Facts**

In the United States, drowning is currently a leading cause of death in children aged 1–4 and the second leading cause of death for children between the ages of 5–14. There are over 4,000 fatal drownings occurring each year in the U.S., and over 8,000 near drownings that are nonfatal.

In Massachusetts, there were 57 unintentional drowning deaths and 86 non-fatal near drowning cases that required treatment at an acute care hospital in 2022. Summer months continue to be the time of year when most drownings occur.





### **Water Safety For Everyone**

#### Enjoy the water safely by:

**Learning to swim:** Everyone can learn to swim with lessons for children, adults, and people with disabilities.

**Watch the water:** Even if a lifeguard is present, don't get distracted. Keep your eyes on the water and watch friends and family who are swimming. If you think someone is drowning, call 911!

Be careful swimming in oceans, lakes, rivers and ponds: Natural bodies of water may be more dangerous than they look because of steep dropoffs, invisible currents, cold water temperatures, and poor visibility in murky water.





## Thank You

