

EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDE

In an emergency, call or text 911.



SEVERE WEATHER/TORNADO

Take shelter in the lowest level of your building, in the innermost room or part of the building. Move to an interior hallway or room and assume a safe position low to the ground. Stay away from windows, above grade exterior walls, and areas with broad-spanned roofs. Monitor emergency notifications, weather radio, and local media reports. If you are outside and shelter is not available/ there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area and protect your head with your arms.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Call 911. Have someone obtain a nearby automated external defibrillator (AED), first aid kit, or bleeding control kit for traumatic injuries. Administer first aid/CPR/AED as appropriate. Stay on the phone so a dispatcher can provide you with instructions on how to assist. Have someone meet first responders and direct them to the location of the incident, if possible.

FIRE

To report a fire, smoke, or odor of something burning, call 911. Only use a fire extinguisher if it is safe to do so. Activate the fire alarm if not already activated. Evacuate the building immediately. Do not use elevators. Help those who may need assistance if you can safely do so. Stay low if confronted with smoke and check closed doors for heat before opening. Meet with other occupants at the evacuation location. Do not re-enter the building until authorized to do so by emergency personnel.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL/ CHEMICAL SPILL

Call 911. Provide information on the type of chemicals/ substance (if known), the size of the spill, and possible exposures. Cordon off the area, restrict access, and await additional evacuation orders from first responders. If anyone had contact with the hazardous material, they should be isolated and await treatment by emergency personnel. Do not re-enter the area until authorized to do so by emergency personnel.

BOMB THREAT

If found, do not touch or handle a suspicious package or item containing the threat; move away and call 911. If you receive a bomb threat via phone call, DO NOT hang up. Speak calmly and obtain as much information as possible. Notify 911. If possible, obtain assistance from someone to call 911 while you remain on the line with the caller.

ARMED ASSAILANT

Seek safety and call 911. Be prepared to take actions necessary to protect your life. Run: Get away from danger if you can safely do so. Keep your hands empty and visible and follow all instructions from emergency responders. Hide: If leaving the area is not a safe option, secure in place. Lock and barricade doors with heavy furniture. Stay away from doors or windows. Silence your phone. Remain quiet and keep yourself out of sight. Fight: As a last resort and only if your life is in imminent danger, protect yourself. Work as a group to incapacitate the assailant by improvising weapons, throwing items, and using physical aggression.

PERSONAL CRISIS

If you or someone you know is in imminent danger, a danger to others, or experiencing a mental health emergency, notify 911 and move to safety. If you or someone you know is experiencing suicidal thoughts, substance use, or any other kind of emotional distress, call or text 988. If you see or experience troubling or suspicious behavior that is not an emergency or a criminal matter, contact the Threat Assessment Team.

NON-EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Office of Campus Safety: 319-335-5022
UI Support and Crisis Line: Call/text 844-461-5420
National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: 988
FM@Your Service: 319-335-5071
Threat Assessment Team: 319-384-2955
Environmental Health and Safety: 319-335-8501

Emergency Notification Systems
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