WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS IS COMMITTED TO PROTECTING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR COMMUNITY

Emergencies or disasters can happen at any time and usually occur without warning. When an emergency strikes at Washington University, our safe and prompt recovery will depend on existing levels of preparedness and a thoughtful response among students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

The following information will tell you where to go for information, where to go on campus, how to report an emergency, how to respond when an emergency occurs, and how to prepare for an emergency.

During an actual emergency, go to emergency.wustl.edu for ongoing response updates.

WHERE TO GO FOR INFORMATION WHEN A CRISIS OCCURS

You will have multiple ways to obtain information about the status of a crisis, if one takes place at Washington University.

Website: emergency.wustl.edu. New information will be posted to the site continuously. If there is no current emergency, the site will say so.

Hotline: (314) 935-9000 (5-9000 from a campus phone), or 888-234-2863 (out of area).

Email: Check your email for updated information.

Social Media: Subscribe to WUSTL Facebook, Twitter, or RSS feeds.

EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY POINTS

Most buildings on campuses of Washington University have Emergency Assembly Points. Look for the one assigned to the building that you are in. To preview the location of Emergency Assembly Points, visit emergency.wustl.edu.

HOW TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY

If you witness an emergency situation, please call to get help and report the emergency to the Washington University Police Department (WUPD) or Protective Services on the Medical Campus.

Danforth Campus: WUPD, (314) 935-5555

Medical Campus: Protective Services, (314) 362-4357 (314-362-HELP)

North Campus, South Campus, West Campus, or Tyson Research Center: 9-911, then WUPD, (314) 935-5555

Off Campus: 911, then WUPD, (314) 935-5555

EMERGENCY.WUSTL.EDU
HOW TO RESPOND TO SPECIFIC EMERGENCIES

Go to emergency.wustl.edu for information on all of the following:

Fire/Hazardous Material Release
- Activate the nearest fire alarm.
- Close windows and doors if you can.
- Evacuate the building immediately by following the EXIT signs. Do not use the elevators.
- Walk to the Emergency Assembly Point for the building that you are in. Do not return to the building unless told to by someone in charge.
- Call the emergency number for your location.

Medical Emergency
- Don’t move the patient unless in danger at current location.
- Stay with the patient until help arrives.
- Call the emergency number for your location.
- Stay on phone until given OK.
- Meet emergency personnel and guide them to patient.

Suspicious Person or Activity
Immediately call the emergency number for your location or from any Blue Light Emergency Telephone to report what you have seen.

Severe Weather/Tornado
- Proceed immediately to the lowest possible level of building.
- Seek cover in interior rooms or halls.
- Remain until the threat has passed.

Earthquake
- Do not leave building until shaking has stopped.
- DUCK under desk or heavy table or brace yourself in hallway or doorway.
- COVER head with arms, books, or other items to protect from falling objects.
- HOLD on to an object to steady yourself. Evacuate building by nearest safe route when shaking stops.
- Report to Emergency Assembly Point and wait further instructions.

Shooter/Violence
- RUN: Leave the building if someone in it is shooting a firearm or committing violence. Notify anyone you encounter to exit the building.
- HIDE: If you cannot leave the building, lock or barricade yourself in the nearest room. Hide and keep as quiet as possible.
- FIGHT: If confronted by the gunman, fight and defend yourself.
- REPORT: Call the emergency number for your location, if possible.

HERE’S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY

Keep your information current: Washington University can only get emergency information to you if the university knows how to reach you. Confirm that your contact information is correct, including home phone number, cell phone number, campus address, and whom to contact if you are ever injured:

Faculty and staff: Confirm your information in HRMS at hr.wustl.edu

Students: Confirm your information on SIS at webstac.wustl.edu

Emergency messages: Washington University has established WUSTL Alerts for sending emergency messages in text and voice formats to email addresses, cell phones, and traditional phones. Emergency messages also may come from digital signage, campus cable TV, desktop computer pop-ups, and/or alert beacons. For additional information about participation in these services, visit: emergency.wustl.edu

Family preparedness: You will be much more effective in responding to an emergency that takes place at Washington University if you know your family and loved ones are safe. For tips on how to prepare your family for an emergency, visit: dhss.mo.gov/Ready_in_3

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