WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

Call 911 for any situation that requires immediate police, fire, or medical response.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

The Northwestern University Emergency Notification System disseminates timely information to the campus community in the event of a threat to safety affecting the University.

AlertNU

Take Immediate Action
- Follow instructions in AlertNU communications
- Remain alert and aware of your surroundings

AlertNU messages may be sent via email, text, or phone calls and posted on digital screens and at northwestern.edu.

Crime Notice

Take Precautionary Measures
- Read notice in its entirety to protect personal safety and aid in prevention of similar crimes

Crime Notice messages are sent via email.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Learn the procedures to keep you and others safe in emergency situations.

ACTIVE SHOOTER
Run, Hide, Fight*

If you decide to run
- Run away from shooter
- Follow your route to safety

If you cannot run, hide
- Lock and/or barricade doors
- Draw blinds, turn off lights
- Silence your cell phone
- Remain there until you receive an “All Clear” notice from the University

As a last resort, fight
- Find objects to use as weapons
- Develop a plan with others to take down the shooter
- Be decisive and commit to action

POWER OUTAGE
Evaluate
- Secure experiments
- Isolate hazardous areas to prevent harm; evacuate building as necessary
- Report persons trapped in elevators

TORNOADO
Seek Sturdy Shelter Inside
- Move to lowest interior space of building away from windows
- Crouch near floor or under heavy, well-supported metal objects
- Monitor official weather sources

NATURAL GAS LEAK
Stay Clear
- Leave area and go to exterior location
- Do not operate any electrical devices or equipment with open flames
- Re-enter only when directed

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
Report and Stay Clear
- Always report suspicious or unusual activity to University Police or local law enforcement by calling 911
- Do not touch or disturb unknown or suspicious items
- Secure belongings and assets

FIRE
Close Doors as You Evacuate
- Activate fire alarm
- Calmly proceed to nearest exit
- Use stairs, not elevators
- Assist persons with disabilities
- Meet at assembly area
- Account for individuals
- Re-enter only when directed

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