# 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

*“Run, Hide, Fight” is a registered trademark of the City of Houston, and the training concept is used by special permission.*

### POWER OUTAGE

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

### FIRE

**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

### TORNADO

**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

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**SCAN TO BE INFORMED AND PREPARED**

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