

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



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



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

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

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