

PURDUE UNIVERSITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



*ENSURING THE SAFETY OF OUR MOST
IMPORTANT ASSET: OUR PURDUE
FAMILY*

CALL 911 FOR ANY EMERGENCY

For more information see:

http://www.purdue.edu/emergency_preparedness/

Recent world events have highlighted the need for every person to be ready for the unexpected. Tragic events like the September 11, 2001 attack on our country or the April 16, 2007 Virginia Tech massacre are just two of many emergency situations that mandate that we no longer say “it will never happen here!” Combining these human-made events with natural disasters has led universities to focus on emergency preparedness.

The Campus Emergency Preparedness and Planning Office was created in December 2006 to oversee the emergency preparedness and planning activities on Purdue University Campus. The office is tasked with the oversight of the University’s “All Hazards” Integrated Emergency Operations Plan which will be used in the event a natural disaster or a human-made incident strikes the campus. Our goal is to provide a means to utilize all available resources to **PREPARE** for potential emergencies or disasters whenever possible and deal efficiently with the effects of inevitable events, **RESPOND** to save lives and protect property, and promote a means to **RECOVER** mission critical business and academic operations.

A key part to Purdue’s campus preparedness is the **Emergency Warning Notification System**. We have instituted a multi-layered communication approach to spread the word on emergency events.

This brochure explains our Emergency Preparedness program and provides details for Purdue family awareness in case of an emergency.

RESPONSE PRIORITIES

Purdue University must be prepared for possible emergencies and to respond to all emergency situations in a safe and timely manner. University personnel and equipment will be used to provide priority protection for:

Priority 1: Life Safety—protect and save the life of faculty, staff, students, and visitors of the University

Priority 2: Preservation of University property and structures

Priority 3: Restoration of academic programs and general University operations

TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY

An emergency is any immediate threat to life and/or property that requires immediate response from police, fire or ambulance personnel—call **911** from any phone.



Emergency Telephone System (ETS) Call Boxes are also placed in various locations around campus. Each box is equipped with a push button that activates an alarm at the Police Department and a direct communication line with the Emergency Services Dispatcher.

EMERGENCY INCIDENT LEVELS

The color coded levels correspond to the severity of the emergency and the reaction of Purdue/community First Responders.

LEVEL 1: A minor, localized department or building incident that is quickly resolved with existing University resources or limited outside help. Examples: Odor complaint, localized chemical spill, small fire, localized power failure, plumbing failure or water leak, normal fire and police calls.

[Warning notification as time permits—types determined by Incident Commander (IC/CC) and/or University Relations personnel]

LEVEL 2: A major incident or potential threat that disrupts sizable portions of the campus community. Examples: Structure fire, structural collapse, significant hazardous materials release, extensive power or utility outage, severe flooding, multi-fatality incident, terrorism incident *not involving* weapons of mass destruction. Also, an existing or imminent external emergency that may affect University personnel or operations.

(Timeliness of warning notification is determined by IC/CC and/or UR—immediate or as time permits)

LEVEL 3: A major disaster or imminent threat involving the entire campus and/or surrounding community. Examples: Major tornado, multi-structure fire or major explosion, major hazardous materials release, major earthquake, snow emergency, terrorism incident involving weapons of mass destruction.

(Immediate warning notification mandatory)

PURDUE EMERGENCY WARNING NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Purdue is a large and complex institution, and people move about our campus freely. Despite advances in communication, there is no way to reach everyone instantly with a single message. However, the multi-layered approaches we have in place will help spread the word quickly, based on the circumstances. The following communication methods make up the University's Emergency Communication Plan:

- All-Hazards Emergency Warning sirens (**Shelter-In-Place**).
- Fire alarms (**Evacuate** the building).
- University Residences has procedures for alerting people in individual halls via their resident assistants, phones, and signage.
- An e-mail alert can be sent to building deputies. Major Purdue buildings have a person designated to receive these messages. They, in turn, may forward the e-mail to others in the building or go to offices or rooms in person. They also may post signs on doors or in hallways.
- The Purdue home page (www.purdue.edu) is the focal point of the most complete information in all campus-related emergencies.
- The University also works with the news media—radio, TV, newspapers, and Internet—to help spread the word.
- An e-mail can be sent to all people with a **purdue.edu** address. A massive

e-mail transmission, however, can take an hour or more to reach everyone.

- Anyone who wants alerts e-mailed to them at a non-Purdue account can sign up via the Purdue home page for e-mail.
- The Facebook group called “Purdue Emergency Notification” was launched April 20, 2007. Those with a **purdue.edu** e-mail address can sign up for a Facebook account (www.facebook.com) and join the emergency notification group, where emergency related information will be posted.

REMEMBER, WHEN YOU HEAR:

- ALL HAZARDS SIRENS immediately seek shelter (**Shelter-In-Place**) in a safe location within closest facility
- FIRE ALARMS immediately **evacuate** the building and move to a safe location

In both cases, you should solicit additional clarifying information by all possible means...Purdue Homepage, TV, radio, email, etc.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the University's home page at [http://www.purdue.edu/](http://www.purdue.edu) or the Emergency Preparedness web site at http://www.purdue.edu/emergency_preparedness/ for news, updates, and more information on the Purdue Emergency Preparedness Program.