

Emergency Preparedness

Classroom Emergency Preparedness and Response Information

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UK Alert

- The University provides emergency notifications through UK Alert, which broadcasts to email, text message, phone calls, building alarm systems, and outdoor sirens.
- If you receive a UK Alert message during class, notify your instructor and classmates immediately.
- For more information about UK Alert, see <http://www.uky.edu/EM/UKAlert/>.

Emergency Action

In any emergency, *you* are responsible for your safety. The following information is intended to guide you in likely emergencies but cannot take all possibilities into account. If an emergency occurs during class, your instructor will provide further direction based on University and department emergency plans.

Storm Sheltering/Sheltering in Place

- During a severe storm, protect yourself from lightning and flying debris.
- Move to an interior room or hallway on the building's lowest level.
- Avoid outside doors and windows.
- Recommended shelter locations are marked on the emergency floor plans posted throughout the building.
- If a hazardous chemical release occurs outside the building, follow these same procedures. Shut all exterior doors and windows. Isolate yourself from outside air.
- Always move to a severe weather shelter area for a tornado warning.
- This classroom's closest severe weather shelter area is [the basements of the CTW Building, Nursing, and Pharmacy Buildings].

Fire and Chemical Evacuations

- We will *always* evacuate for a fire alarm or when university officials order us to do so. Gather your personal belongings quickly and move to the nearest exit.
- Evacuation routes are marked on the emergency floor plans posted throughout the building.
- Once outside the building, if in CTW or the Nursing Buildings, meet at the curb near the Rose Street entrance so your instructor can ensure all students are accounted for. If this location is inaccessible or unsafe, meet in the courtyard on the Limestone Street side for the CTW and UHS buildings'. Meet in the COM Learning Center Parking Lot Parking for the classes in the Pharmacy Building.
- If a hazardous chemical release occurs inside the building, follow these same procedures. A map of escape paths for CTW are located here:

CTW:

<https://www.uky.edu/chs/sites/chs.uky.edu/files/CTW%20BEAP%20-%201-19-17R.pdf>

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Active Aggressor/Violence

- In an active shooter situation or other attack, **run** – get away from the attacker if possible. If you can leave the building and area without exposing yourself to gunfire, do so. As you leave, warn others who may not be aware of the danger.
- If you can't run, **hide** – barricade yourself in a safe place, lock (or barricade) all doors. If neither of these is possible, **fight** – do whatever you need to do to stop the attacker.
- Gather whatever improvised weapons are available. Prepare to fight back if the aggressor forces entry.
- In case of an immediate life-threatening event, take whatever actions are necessary to protect your own life
- Remain in place until police issue an "all clear" notification.

To Report an Emergency or Suspicious Activity

- On campus, contact the University of Kentucky Police Department by dialing 9-1-1 from any desk phone or #8573 (#UKPD) from any mobile phone.
- To submit anonymous text-based reports to UKPD, download the LiveSafe app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. LiveSafe also offers several other safety functions.
- If a member of the University community displays troubling behavior, contact the Community of Concern. Learn more at <http://www.uky.edu/concern/>.