



10 THINGS TO KNOW IN AN EMERGENCY



UVA

Department of Safety & Security

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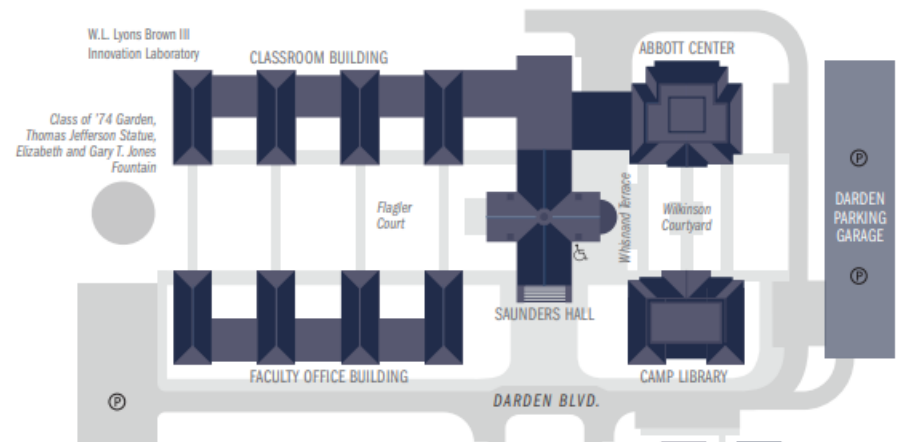
This presentation discusses various hazards, including acts of violence, that may impact the UVA community and is designed to educate and prepare you to deal with those emergencies.

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KNOW YOUR **SPACE, EQUIPMENT,** **AND CONTACTS**

Know your Facility:

- Building name and/or address
- Exit routes
- Areas of rescue assistance
- Shelter in place locations
- [Assembly locations/rally point](#)



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KNOW YOUR **SPACE, EQUIPMENT,** **AND CONTACTS**

Prepare an Emergency Kit:

- Flashlight/extra batteries
- First aid supplies
- Dust mask
- Poncho
- Copies of important documents
- Moist towelettes
- Medications/prescriptions
- Spare glasses
- Bottles of water
- Non-perishable snacks
- Cash



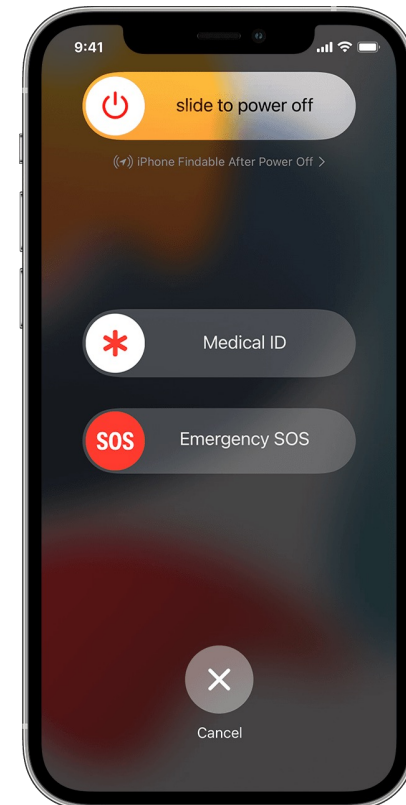
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KNOW YOUR **SPACE, EQUIPMENT,** **AND CONTACTS**

Keep Emergency Contacts:

- Personal
 - Spouse/significant other
 - Emergency contact
 - RA/Roommate
 - Out-of-area contact
- Professional
 - Manager
 - Colleagues
 - Interdependent organization
 - Residents/Resident Director



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KNOW YOUR **SAFETY RESOURCES**

Blue Light Phones

- Located throughout Grounds, UVA garages, and surrounding neighborhoods
- Connect you directly to UVA Police or 9-1-1
- [More information/map](#)



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KNOW YOUR **SAFETY RESOURCES**



UVA's Mobile Safety App*
Guardian

- Access Safety Resources all in one place
- Text your concerns to UVA Police, even anonymously
- Request a Virtual Escort for you and your friends
- Receive Targeted Alerts based on your location

*Available to all UVA students, staff, and faculty

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KNOW YOUR **SAFETY RESOURCES**

Ambassadors

Ambassador services include:

- Walking, bicycle and vehicle patrols
- Stationary positions within the patrol zone
- Walking escorts
- Provide information and directions
- Identify individuals in distress or in need of assistance
- Alert police to hazards, medical emergencies or other possible criminal activity
- Engage members of the community in conversations about safety and prevention



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KNOW YOUR **SAFETY RESOURCES**

Late Night Travel

- Awareness of your surroundings
- Buddy system
- Suspicious persons
- [UTS OnDemand](#)
- Ride share safety



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KNOW HOW YOU WILL **HEAR ABOUT AN EMERGENCY**

UVA Alerts

- Activated for imminent threats on University Grounds or proximate areas.



Text Message



Email



Twitter

(@UVA_EM, @UVAPolice, @HoosSafe)



UVA/UVAEM Webpages



Desktops (including all classroom/
UVA Health-branded computers)



Digital Screens



Outdoor Siren/PA



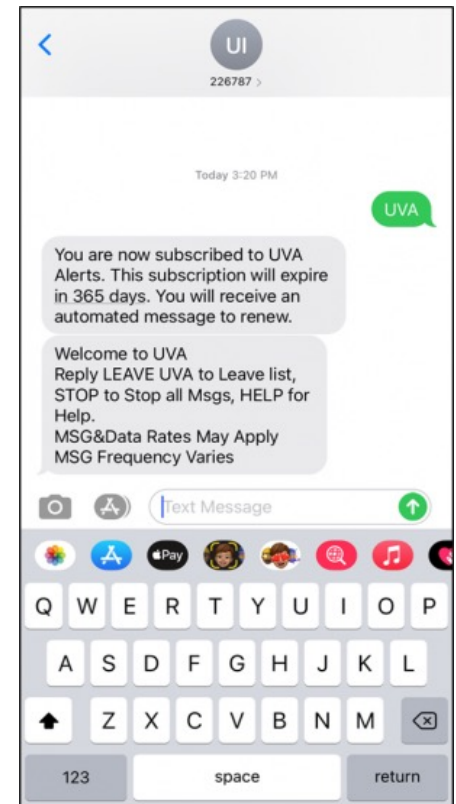
VOCERA Badge/App

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KNOW HOW YOU WILL **HEAR ABOUT AN EMERGENCY**

Recent Change to Text Alerts

- All Students/Faculty/Staff:
 - Opted in to receive text alerts beginning June 2023
 - Visit <https://uvaemergency.virginia.edu/uva-alerts> to add additional phone numbers
- Parents/Visitors/Public:
 - Text “UVA” to 226787

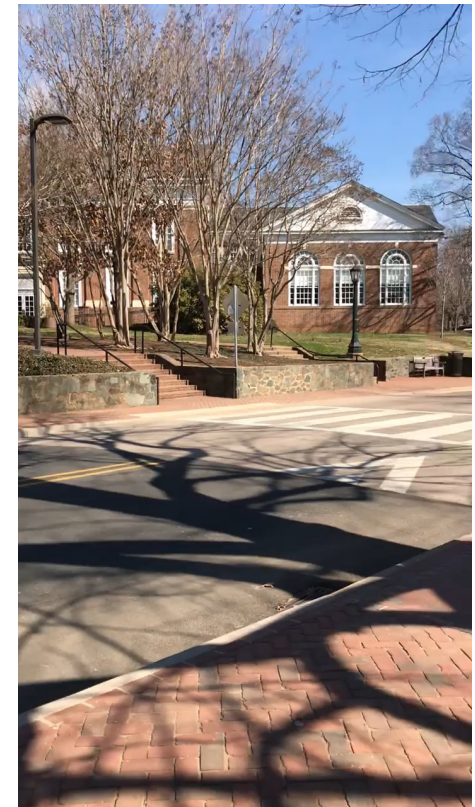


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KNOW HOW YOU WILL **HEAR ABOUT AN EMERGENCY**

Outdoor Siren

- Activated for three scenarios: Tests, Active Attackers, and Tornadoes
- When activated, immediately check your cell phone, email, or UVAEM website (virginia.edu/emergency) for more information.



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KNOW HOW YOU WILL **GET HELP**

Calling/Texting 9-1-1

- For any type of emergency, call 9-1-1.
 - Give your name, address, and the nature of the emergency.
 - Stay on the line until you are told to hang up.
 - Answer questions as clearly as possible. Know that help is on the way.



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KNOW HOW YOU WILL **EVACUATE**

DO

- Secure hazardous materials
- Take wallet/ID, keys, cell phone, emergency kit
- Close doors
- Walk to exits in an orderly manner
- Assist persons with disabilities/special needs
- Move to area of refuge if unable to exit
- Report to assembly area

DO NOT

- Lock doors
- Waste time gathering belongings
- Run
- Use elevators
- Go home/to vehicle without checking in at assembly area

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KNOW HOW YOU WILL **SHELTER-IN-PLACE**

DO

- Secure hazardous materials
- Grab emergency kit (go bag)
- Move to shelter location
- Close and lock doors
- Turn off lights
- Put phones on silent
- Check in with family when safe to do so
- Remain sheltered until instructed it is safe to leave

DO NOT

- Leave doors open
- Waste time gathering belongings
- Run
- Stay on phone

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KNOW YOUR **ACTIVE THREAT EMERGENCIES**

Active Attacker

- RUN: Evacuate if a safe route is available.
 - Call 911 when safe to do so.
- HIDE: If it is unsafe to escape, hide in an area out of view.
 - Lock the door and block entry; stay behind solid objects away from door.
 - Turn off lights and computers; silence cell phones.
- FIGHT: Prepare to defend yourself if necessary.

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KNOW YOUR **ACTIVE THREAT EMERGENCIES**

Bomb Threats

- Remain calm and attempt to keep the caller on the line as long as possible to gather as much information as possible.
- Write down the caller's phone number; note any distinctive qualities about the caller's voice or background noise.
- Attempt to obtain information on the description, location, and time/method of detonation of the device.
- Call 911 as soon as the call has ended.

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KNOW YOUR **ACTIVE THREAT EMERGENCIES**

Suspicious Object

- Do not touch or disturb object.
- Call 911.
- Prepare to evacuate if instructed.

Suspicious Behavior

- Do not confront, stop, or apprehend the person.
- Note the person's description and suspicious activity.
- Call 911.
- Provide details on the person and his/her direction of travel.

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KNOW YOUR **WEATHER EMERGENCIES**

Winter Weather

- Hazards: Poor road conditions, power outages, downed trees, structural damage
- Preparedness:
 - Monitor forecasts/alerts
 - Avoid travel
 - Anticipate power outages
 - Pack an emergency kit
 - Wear warm clothing, take breaks when shoveling



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KNOW YOUR **WEATHER EMERGENCIES**

Severe Weather

- Hazards: Flooding, high winds, lightning, downed trees, power outages, poor visibility, structural damage
- Preparedness:
 - Monitor forecasts/alerts
 - Turn around, don't drown
 - When thunder roars, go indoors
 - Seek shelter away from windows and in the lowest, most-interior room in the building



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KNOW YOUR **WEATHER EMERGENCIES**

Staying Weather Aware

- Weather apps
 - Great for weather alerts!
 - Sources below are better for winter or severe storm forecasts.
- National Weather Service
- Local Media
 - NBC29
 - CBS19
- UVAEM Twitter (@UVA_EM)



NWS Baltimore-Washington ✓

@NWS_BaltWash

Official Twitter Account for National Weather Service Baltimore/Washington. For NWS Posting Policy, click here: [weather.gov/twitter](https://www.weather.gov/twitter)

📍 Sterling, VA 🌐 [weather.gov/washington](https://www.weather.gov/washington) 📅 Joined October 2012

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KNOW YOUR **FIRE, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL, AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**

Fire

- Activate nearest fire alarm.
- Evacuate; if smoke is present, stay low to the floor.
- Watch out for falling debris; take cover and protect head.
- If you become trapped, tap on a wall or pipe to alert rescuers.
- Call 911 when safe to do so.

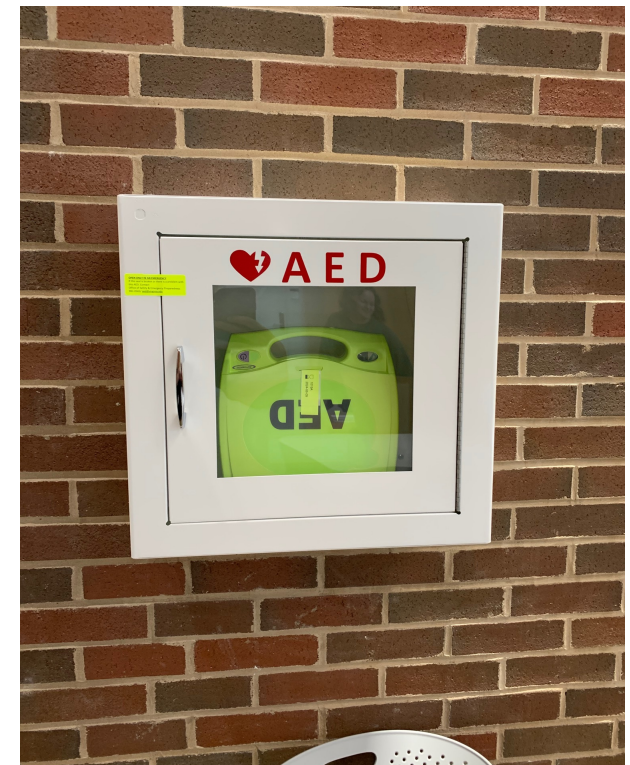


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KNOW YOUR **FIRE, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL, AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**

Medical Emergencies

- Call 9-1-1 first, then find an AED
- AEDs located across Grounds (see [map](#))
- CPR classes available through the [Life Support Learning Center](#)



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KNOW HOW YOU WILL **RECOVER AND KEEP INFORMED**

- After an event, UVA will communicate official updates via:
 - UVA Alerts
 - UVA Emergency Website (virginia.edu/emergency)
 - University Hotlines (closings)
 - (434) 243-7669
 - (434) 924-7669
- Other resources of information:
 - Local Media ([NBC29](#), [CBS19](#))
 - Charlottesville [Police](#) and [Fire](#); Albemarle [Police](#) and [Fire](#); [Emergency Communications Center](#)

ADDITIONAL **TRAINING**

- Routinely exercise procedures – practice evacuating, sheltering-in-place, and taking alternative routes to class/work
- **Fire Safety Training** – [Environmental Health & Safety](#)
- **Active Attacker Training** – [UVA Police Department/Threat Assessment](#)
- **Self-Defense Training** – [UVA Police Department](#)
- **CPR/AED Training** – [Life Support Learning Center](#)
- For other topics not listed, contact [UVA Emergency Management](#)

THANK **YOU!**

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 - virginia.edu/emergency
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- **UVA Police Department**
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