Emergency Procedures

Evacuation Information
- Evacuate building using the nearest exit, or alternate if blocked.
- Do not use elevators.
- Take personal belongings (keys, purses/wallets, etc.).
- Secure any hazardous materials or equipment before leaving.
- Go to nearby Evacuation Assembly Point.

Persons with Disabilities
- Assist persons with disabilities.
- Develop a “buddy” system to help in your evacuation.
- On upper floors, contact Campus Safety and proceed to stairwells.
- Responding rescue personnel will assist you in evacuation.

Earthquake, Severe Weather
- Drop and cover under a table or desk or against an inside wall (not in a doorway) until the shaking stops. After the shaking stops, check for injuries and move toward the nearest exit or alternate.
- Go to nearby Evacuation Assembly Point identified on the map.
- Do not leave the area/campus without informing a College official.

Fire Emergencies and Evacuations

If you discover fire
- Immediately pull the nearest fire alarm (located near stairwell exit doors) and exit the building, closing doors as you leave.
- Contact Campus Safety at 518-580-5566.

If you hear the fire alarm
- Take your immediate possessions and exit building.
- Close all doors behind you as you leave to prevent the spread of fire.
- Do not open doors that feel hot to the touch.
- Check stairwells for smoke and heat. If present, use alternate exits.
- Proceed to nearby Evacuation Assembly Point.
- Never use the elevators during a fire evacuation.
- Elevator Safety—During power outages there may not be emergency lightning. The emergency phones should work. They provide direct contact to Campus Safety to arrange assistance.

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Suspicious Object
- Do not touch or disturb object and call 518-580-5566.
- Notify your supervisor and/or the building coordinator.
- Be prepared to evacuate.

Medical Emergencies
Tell the dispatcher:
- Your location, including building and floor.
- Name and condition of patient.
- Remain on the phone with the dispatcher until help arrives.
- Check for medic alert bracelets.
- If possible, arrange to have someone meet EMS personnel for direction to the exact location of the patient.

Power Outage
- Remain calm; provide assistance to others if necessary.
- Move cautiously to lighted area. Exits may be indicated by lighted signs if emergency power is operating. Emergency lighting lasts only long enough to move to an Evacuation Assembly Point.
- Turn off and unplug computers and other voltage-sensitive items.

Important Do’s and Don’ts
- Do register for the SUNS System.
- Do become familiar with these procedures.
- Do get to know the building evacuation procedures.
- Do make sure you are aware of the needs of anyone with disabilities in your area.
- Do ensure your current personal contact information is up-to-date with your department and Human Resources.
- Do understand your roles and responsibilities during an emergency.
- Do make sure students/employees under your direction are aware of emergency procedures by discussing at the beginning of each term.
- Do find out if you are on a Recovery Team.
- Do find out the name of your Building/Area Coordinator.
- Do not reenter a building after evacuating.
- Do not speak to the media. All media inquiries must be directed to the Office of Communications 518-580-5733.

Tornado Warning
Evacuate buildings with large, weakly supported roofs (e.g. Sports Center) and seek shelter in lower areas of more substantial structures.

Lockdown-Shelter in Place
For armed subject, hazardous materials spill, etc.
- Lock yourself in a room if possible.
- Close windows—remain quiet.
- Do not let anyone into a locked room until area is deemed clear by authorities.
- Do not block an armed subject’s access to an exit.
- Call 518-580-5566. Provide as much information as possible about the incident.

Hazardous Materials Release
- If an emergency or if anyone is in danger, call Campus Safety at 518-580-5566.
- Move away from the site of the hazard to a safe location.
- Stay upwind of material and alert others to stay clear of the area.
- Notify emergency personnel if you have been exposed.