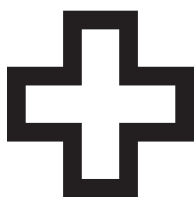


BE UMD READY: **AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE**



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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

SAFETY

Police, Fire, & Medical..... 911
or (Emergency)..... 301-405-3333
(Non-Emergency 24/7) 301-405-3555
Shuttle-UM & NITE Ride Service 301-314-3687
24-Hr Walking Escort Service 301-405-3555

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Help Center (Peer Counseling)..... 301-314-4357 (HELP)
Sexual Assault Crisis Line (24 hr).... 301-741-3442
University Health Center..... 301-314-8184
After-hours Nurse Line..... 301-314-9386
University Counseling Center..... 301-314-7651

SUPPORT SERVICES

General Campus Information..... 301-405-1000
IT Support 301-405-1500

FACILITIES & CAMPUS OPERATIONS

Facilities Customer
Response Center 301-405-2222
Residential Facilities
Service Center 301-314-9675 (WORK)
Snow Line 301-405-7669 (SNOW)



**SEE SOMETHING
SAY SOMETHING!**

Report suspicious behavior
and/or items to UMD Police at
301-405-3333 or 911



EMERGENCY TIPS

Emergencies can occur unexpectedly. Follow these quick tips to stay ready.

- Always carry your University ID card. 
- Be aware of the nearest exit stairwells, first aid kits, and AEDs* within buildings you frequent.
- During an emergency, monitor your phone and be prepared to follow guidance as directed by the university.
- Know the location of Blue Light emergency phones. Visit maps.umd.edu and click Layers, then Public Safety and check the box next to Emergency Phones. 
- Know where to shelter during severe weather warnings. See the “Shelter in Place” section for guidance.
- Keep copies of important documents, identification cards, spare keys, and cash in a secure, easy to access location.
- Download the UMD App to have emergency information at your fingertips. 
- Keep updated contact information for family members, medical providers, and emergency personnel in your mobile phone.
- Have an emergency kit! See the “Build an Emergency Kit” section to learn how to make one. 

* AED stands for automated external defibrillator



BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

Keep an emergency kit with the following items in an accessible location in your home.

- Basic first aid kit including personal medications and hygiene products
- Portable phone charger/rechargeable power bank
- Water (2-3 bottles for drinking and sanitation)
- Non-perishable food (2-day supply)
- Flashlight and extra batteries

FOR PET OWNERS

Add the following items to your kit:

- Leash, collar with ID tag, and harness
- Printed photos of your pet, in case of separation
- Water, food, and feeding bowl

FOR FAMILIES

Add the following items to your kit:

- Updated emergency contact list of family members and physicians
- Children's activities (books, games, and puzzles)
- Important family documents such as birth certificates



Want to learn more about
emergency kits?


Visit [Ready.gov/kit](https://www.ready.gov/kit)



ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS

Everyone can benefit from thinking through how they would evacuate or shelter in place during an emergency.

- For each building you frequent, identify emergency exits and a location near the elevators or enclosed stairwells on each floor to wait for assistance from emergency personnel.
- Ask a friend, classmate, or neighbor to be a buddy during an emergency. Be specific about what type of assistance is needed.
- Consider any support items that may be useful to include in your personal emergency kit.
- Prepare for a building evacuation by having communication tools and contact numbers to inform emergency personnel of your location.



Individuals with temporary mobility issues (e.g., crutches) should consider following this guidance to be prepared for an emergency.

Visit
<https://accessibility.umd.edu/campus-areas/emergency-preparedness>
to learn more about preparedness tips.



BE UMD READY

An emergency can occur at any moment with or without warning. Follow these steps to be UMD ready:

KEEP YOUR EMERGENCY KIT HANDY*

HOME: Keep this kit in a designated, easily accessible place. Make sure everyone in your home knows this location!

CAR: Keep emergency supplies in the car in case you become stranded or need to evacuate the area.

* Remember to maintain your emergency kit to ensure it is ready at all times by replacing expired items and updating items as your needs change.

MAKE A PLAN

- Build an individual or family-sized emergency kit.
 - Remember to routinely refresh the items in the kit.
- Create an emergency plan. Ask yourself:
 - How will I receive emergency alerts?
 - What is my shelter plan?
 - What are my evacuation routes?
- Communicate and share this plan with your household.



STAY INFORMED

- Learn about local hazards and the best course of action to protect yourself at prepare.umd.edu or your community Emergency Management website.
- Know how and where to get up-to-date information before and during an emergency.
- Consider taking a CPR and First Aid class.



POWER OUTAGE

A power outage can last for hours or even days. Follow the tips below to stay safe!

- Do NOT use elevators.
- Unplug all equipment to avoid a power surge.
- Candles are prohibited in university residence halls.
- Do NOT use fire or flame as a light source.
- Use flashlights and only use a cell phone light when absolutely necessary to conserve the battery.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed to keep food cold.
- During cold weather, wear layers to keep warm.
- Do NOT use an oven as a heat source to prevent carbon monoxide exposure.
- Make a power outage supply kit with a flashlight and extra batteries, portable phone charger, and emergency radio. Consider adding playing cards for entertainment.

NEED TO REPORT A CAMPUS POWER FAILURE?

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
(301) 405-2222

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES
(301) 314-9675





SHELTER IN PLACE

For certain incidents like severe weather, staying indoors is safest. Follow the steps below when you are told to shelter in place.

- Stay indoors and move to a small room with no windows or to a basement/lower level. If outside, enter the nearest building.*
- * Encourage others to follow, but do not put yourself in danger if they decide not to.
- Do not wait until physically seeing a hazard to react.
- Close all doors and windows.
- Call or text your designated emergency contacts to inform them of your location and safety.
- Monitor UMD Alerts, official university communications, and your TV or radio for additional guidance. Wait for an official all-clear from emergency personnel before leaving your space.

NEED TO SHELTER IN YOUR CAR?

If the weather is so severe that it is impairing your ability to drive, it is safer to pull over. If you are unable to get indoors quickly and safely, follow this guidance:

- Locate a safe area to stop. Turn off the engine.
- Listen to the radio (WTOP 103.5FM) and check your phone for updates and instructions.
- Stay in your car until you receive an official all-clear from emergency personnel.
- Even after an all-clear, continue listening to the radio and follow further instructions from law enforcement.

NOTE: In the event of a tornado, it is safer to shelter under the car than remain in it.





SEVERE WEATHER

Watch: The condition is possible – continue to monitor.

Warning: The condition is occurring or will occur soon – TAKE ACTION.

Monitor UMD Alerts and other official university guidance.



FLASH FLOOD

- Seek higher ground or a higher floor in a building.
- Do not drive through floodwater. One foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Do not walk through floodwater, as it may be contaminated or contain an electrical current.



HEAT ADVISORY

- Stay hydrated.
- Limit outdoor activity to morning or evening.
- Wear light, loose fitting clothing.



HURRICANE

- Prepare multiple days' worth of food and water.
- If possible, relocate to a shelter or basement.
- Stay away from windows and glass doors.



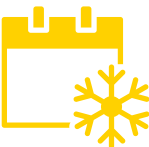
THUNDERSTORM

- When thunder roars, go indoors! Move from outdoors into a building or car with a roof.
- Watch for fallen powerlines and trees.
- Do not drive through floodwater. One foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Do not walk through floodwater, as it may be contaminated or contain an electrical current.



TORNADO

- Go to an enclosed, windowless space or designated tornado shelter.
- Get under a table or heavy furniture.



WINTER STORM

- Stay indoors.
- Wear layers if you have to go outside.
- Avoid driving; if you have to drive, use extra precautions.



EVACUATION

There are multiple reasons why you may have to evacuate such as a fire or other life safety hazard.

- Participate in all emergency drills - take them seriously and treat every alarm as if it is a true emergency.
- You will be instructed to evacuate your building (e.g., by the fire alarm, first responders, or residence hall staff).
- Stay calm during an evacuation and gather belongings only if it is safe to do so.
- Evacuate using the nearest emergency exit, closing any doors behind you.
- Encourage others to evacuate and go directly to the designated assembly point. This is a gathering space away from the building.
- Be sure to keep all fire lanes clear for emergency responders.
- Follow directions from emergency personnel and only re-enter when instructed.

REMEMBER: Do NOT use the elevators during a fire evacuation.

DID YOU KNOW:



The leading causes of house fires are cooking, heating, and electrical issues. Having working smoke alarms reduces the risk of dying in a fire by 55%. Be awake to evacuate!



ACTIVE SHOOTER

Remember these three steps: RUN. HIDE. FIGHT.

RUN

- Your first instinct should be to run. If you can, get out of the building safely. Leave your belongings behind.
- When you get to safety, call 911 and remember to tell the dispatcher you are calling from the University of Maryland campus. Alternatively, use the UMD Guardian app.



HIDE

- If it is not safe to run, then hide.
- Lock the door. Turn off the lights. If you can, use a belt to further secure the door. Silence your electronic device(s).
- If you can't find a safe room or closet, hide behind large objects that conceal you from the shooter's view. Stay away from doors and windows.

FIGHT

- As a last resort, be prepared to fight.
- Use any available item in the room that can be used as a weapon (e.g., fire extinguisher) to first disorient and then engage the shooter until the police arrive.



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO
LEARN MORE ABOUT
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ACTIVE SHOOTER
WITH UMD POLICE.**

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