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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS BRIEFING

Purdue University is a very safe campus and there is a low probability that a serious incident will occur here at Purdue. However, just as we receive a safety briefing each time we get on an aircraft, we want to emphasize our emergency procedures for evacuation and shelter in place incidents. Our preparedness will be critical if an unexpected event occurs.

Emergency preparedness is your personal responsibility. Purdue University is continuously preparing for natural disasters or human-caused incidents with the ultimate goal of maintaining a safe and secure campus. Lets review the following procedures:

- To report an emergency, call 911.
- To obtain updates regarding an ongoing emergency, and to sign up for Purdue Alert text messages, view [www.purdue.edu/ea](http://www.purdue.edu/ea)
- There are nearly 300 Emergency Telephones outdoors across campus and in parking garages that connect directly to the Purdue Police Department (PUPD). If you feel threatened or need help, push the button and you will be connected immediately.
- EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES are based on a simple concept: hear a fire alarm inside, proceed outside. If you hear a siren outside, proceed inside.
- EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES:
  - Review the Emergency Procedures Guidelines  
[https://www.purdue.edu/emergency\\_preparedness/flipchart/index.html](https://www.purdue.edu/emergency_preparedness/flipchart/index.html)
  - Review the Building Emergency Plan (available from the building deputy) for:
    - \* evacuation routes, exit points, and emergency assembly area
    - \* when and how to evacuate the building.
    - \* shelter in place procedures and locations
    - \* additional building specific procedures and requirements.
- EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AWARENESS VIDEOS “Shots Fired on Campus: When Lightning Strikes,” is a 20-minute active shooter awareness video that illustrates what to look for and how to prepare and react to this type of incident. See

<http://www.purdue.edu/securePurdue/news/2010/emergency-preparedness-shots-fired-on-campus-video.cfm>

(Link is also located on the EP website)

- If we hear a fire alarm, we will immediately suspend class, evacuate the building, and proceed outdoors, and away from the building. Do not use the elevator. Indoor Fire Alarms mean to stop class or research and immediately evacuate the building. Proceed to your Emergency Assembly Area away from building doors. Remain outside until police, fire, or other emergency response personnel provide additional guidance or tell you it is safe to leave.
- All Hazards Outdoor Emergency Warning Sirens mean to immediately seek shelter (Shelter in Place) in a safe location within the closest building. “Shelter in place” means seeking immediate shelter inside a building or University residence. This course of action may need to be taken during a tornado, a civil disturbance including a shooting or release of hazardous materials in the outside air. Once safely inside, find out more details about the emergency. Remain in place until police, fire, or other emergency response personnel provide additional guidance or tell you it is safe to leave.
- If we are notified of a Shelter in Place requirement for a tornado warning, we will suspend class and shelter in the lowest level of this building away from windows and doors.
- If we are notified of a Shelter in Place requirement for a hazardous materials release, or a civil disturbance, including a shooting or other use of weapons, we will suspend class and shelter in our classroom, shutting any open doors or windows, locking or securing the door, and turning off the lights.
- If we are notified of a Shelter in Place requirement for a civil disturbance such as a shooting we will shelter in a room that is securable preferably without windows.

Additional preparedness information as it might impact this class is available on the syllabus and the Emergency Preparedness website

[http://www.purdue.edu/ehps/emergency\\_preparedness/index.html](http://www.purdue.edu/ehps/emergency_preparedness/index.html)