

Campus Emergency and Safety Procedures

Emergency
911 (9.911)

Public Safety
605.394.6100

Emergency Information
Recording
605.394.2210

(Dial 9 first on campus phones
for off-campus calls)

For more information,
please visit:
<http://emergency.sdsmt.edu/>

SAFETY ON CAMPUS

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology is committed to the safety of our campus community. In times of emergency, the university will provide appropriate campus-wide response to assure safety and minimize losses. Keep this guide on hand so that you know what to do in these various emergency situations.

Safe Rides on Campus:

Public Safety, 605.394.6100, offers safe rides on campus.

WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A CAMPUS EMERGENCY

Emergencies can occur at any time, often without warning. This information can help you deal with many emergency situations appropriately. Your judgment often determines whether an incident is an emergency. If in doubt, err on the side of safety and treat the situation as an emergency.

Be informed and prepared in advance. Be familiar with important features of the buildings that you frequently occupy, such as:

- Evacuation routes
- Exit locations
- Areas of refuge
- Severe weather safe areas
- Locations of safety equipment
- How you will be notified of emergencies

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

For **police, fire, or ambulance** always **DIAL 911** first.

1. **Get out of immediate danger**
2. **Report situation**
 - DIAL 911 (or 9.911 on campus phone)

- Explain the nature of the emergency
- Your name
- Phone number from which you are calling
- Your location
- Answer all questions and do not hang up the phone until the operator is finished

After notifying emergency personnel, **notify Public Safety** at 605.394.6100. Watch for arrival of emergency personnel and assist in directing them to the appropriate location. **STAY OUT OF THE WAY.**

To report an off-campus emergency, DIAL 911. If an off-campus incident involves South Dakota School of Mines & Technology personnel, students or property, also call Public Safety at 605.394.6100.

CAMPUS ALERT

The South Dakota School of Mines & Technology has implemented a Campus Alert system for all students, faculty, and staff.

Through this service, you will receive critical emergency alerts on your cell phone or computer.

E-mail campusalert@sdbor.edu or call 605.394.6020 for more information.

Campus Alert Registration:
<http://www.sdsmt.edu/Campus-Services/Emergency-Management/Campus-Alert/>

Along with the Campus Alert system, the university will provide information through the website, social media, and local media, as appropriate.

EVACUATION

1. When ordered to evacuate or when alarms are activated, **always leave immediately.**

2. **Exit quickly and calmly** using the nearest emergency escape routes and marked exits.
3. Proceed to emergency assembly points (EAP). **Do not use elevators.**
4. **Assist persons requiring evacuation assistance** to get to designated areas. Be alert for trapped, injured, or other persons needing assistance.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

- **DIAL 911**
- **DO NOT move** the person unless there is a threat to life by leaving them.
- If trained to administer first aid, such as bleeding control and CPR, do so.
- If possible, avoid contact with bodily fluids.
- If exposed to **suspected** infectious materials, notify an emergency responder upon arrival.
- **Remain with the person** until help arrives.
- If possible, send someone else to meet emergency responders.
- **Notify Public Safety** 605.394.6100 at the earliest convenience.

Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

- Located in multiple buildings on campus
- If someone is unresponsive:
 - **Start CPR** if trained to do so.
 - **Have someone DIAL 911** immediately. If no one is available, DIAL 911 and then resume CPR immediately.
 - Send someone to **retrieve the nearest AED.** Continue CPR until AED arrives.
 - **Open the AED** cover and follow directions. The AED will walk you through either continuing CPR or delivering a shock, if needed.
 - **Stay with the person** until help arrives.

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Someone exhibiting a mental health crisis might show: attempted suicide, disorientation, confusion, panic.

- **DIAL 911.** Give your name, telephone number, location and the location of the victim. Inform the officer whether any drugs, medications, or weapons are involved.
- **Call residence hall director** if the emergency involves a student resident.
- **Call Public Safety** at 605.394.6100. Public Safety will notify the Dean of Student's office.
- **Stay with the victim**, unless your safety is threatened. Wait for emergency response personnel to arrive.
- **Stay calm** and do not provoke panic in others.
- **Be sensitive** to the family and friends during the crisis.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

If you have a disability that may impact your response to an emergency:

- Consider registering with Title IX & ADA Services.
- Consider identifying someone in each class as a buddy to assist with your specific evacuation or sheltering needs during an emergency.
- Talk with your professors. Let them know what special needs you have during an emergency.

Title IX & ADA Services can provide guidelines and identify resources to assist with emergency planning specific to your needs. Contact them at 605.394.2533.

FIRE OR SMOKE

- **Leave** the area of the fire.

- **Isolate the fire** as much as possible by closing doors and windows around it.
- **DO NOT** attempt to retrieve valuables or use elevators.
- **Pull** the nearest fire alarm.
- Find a **safe location and DIAL 911.** Then, call Public Safety 394.394.6100.
- Never attempt to fight a fire larger than wastebasket size; even a small fire can generate enough smoke to cause serious injury.
- Never attempt to fight a fire by yourself.
- Always stay between the **fire and the exit.**

- Fire Extinguisher Instructions - **P.A.S.S.**
PULL safety pin from the handle
AIM at the base of the fire
SQUEEZE the trigger handle
SWEEP from side to side

- The universal sign for a person trapped in a burning building is to hang clothing or a sheet out the window of the room where you are trapped. The firefighters will know where you are trapped.
- If you are aware that someone is trapped, inform firefighters immediately.
- **Do not reenter the building alone.**
- **If you are trapped**, stay low to the ground as you try to exit.
- **Do not open any doors that feel hot.**
- Use wet towels or clothes to protect you from flames and smoke.
- If your clothes catch fire, STOP, DROP, AND ROLL!!!
- **All alarms should be taken seriously. If you hear an alarm, evacuate the building.**

SHELTER-IN-PLACE

1. Shelter-in-Place will be announced via the Campus Alert system.
2. **Find nearest shelter area** (room with a door; do not use elevators):
 - **Lock/barricade** the door.
 - **Shut windows** and window coverings.
 - **If hazardous incident**, turn off all heating, air conditioning units and/or fans. Tape off or block all vents, cracks, or openings.
 - **In a laboratory**, reduce all operations to a safe condition as quickly as possible. Fume hood should have sash in closed position.
 - **Sit/crouch out of sight** from doors and windows.
 - Take a **roll call.**
 - **Turn off the lights** and remain quiet and calm.
 - **Stay in contact** using the Internet, if available, for situation updates.
 - **Do not evacuate for a fire alarm** unless instructed by university personnel.
 - **Do not open the door for anyone.**
3. Shelter-in-Place will remain in effect until it is lifted by authorized personnel.
 - The campus will receive an all-clear from the Campus Alert system. Public Safety or other university personnel will unlock the door to notify you when the emergency has passed.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

If you are a victim of sexual assault, report the incident immediately to law enforcement by calling 911. Counseling and other crisis services are available. As soon as convenient, notify the Title IX Coordinator at 605.394.2533 or Dean of Students 605.394.2416.

See Something? Say Something!

Trust your instincts. If you think it's suspicious, it probably is. Report it!

Report all suspicious activity to Public Safety 605.394.6100. For emergencies DIAL 911 and then call Public Safety. Examples include:

- A person with a weapon
- Dangerous actions or comments
- Someone acting unusual or out of place
- Someone accessing unauthorized areas

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SEVERE WEATHER

You are responsible for monitoring weather conditions and taking appropriate action. Thunderstorms can kill with lightning, flash floods, high winds, large hail, and tornadoes. The following tornado safety tips can help individuals protect themselves:

- **Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls.** Protect your head.
- **Go to the basement or to an interior part of the lowest level** - closets, bathrooms, or halls. Get under something solid.
- Where applicable, go to **pre-designated safe areas**. Interior hallways on the lowest floor are usually best. (*Note: Evacuation maps posted throughout buildings have safe areas designated on them.*)
- **If there is no safe area nearby or you are in a vehicle**, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine, or culvert with your hands shielding your head.
- A "Tornado Watch" means that tornadoes and severe thunderstorms are possible. A "Tornado Warning" means that a tornado is detected. Take shelter immediately.
- **Severe thunderstorms, hail, a loud roaring noise, and funnel clouds are signs** that a tornado may be nearby. In the Rapid City area, Civil Defense sirens will sound whenever there is a "Tornado Warning."
- **During lightning events, stay indoors or in vehicles.**
- All South Dakota School of Mines & Technology students and employees should familiarize themselves with the safe areas in the buildings they use.

- **NOAA weather alert radios** are on campus at the Surbeck Center and Facilities Services building.

HOSTILE PERSON/ACTIVE SHOOTER

In addition to the guidelines below, Shelter-in-Place may be initiated.

1. In a classroom, residence hall, or office
 - **Stay put and secure the door** by lock, wedge, or barricade.
 - If the door has a window, **cover it**.
 - **Move away** from the incident and find safe cover positions.
 - **If escape through a window is possible and safe**, do so as calmly and as quietly as possible.
 - **When law enforcement arrives**, move toward any police unit when safe to do so while keeping your hands on your head and following their exact instructions.
 - **Do not leave the area entirely**; you may have information law enforcement will need.
2. In hallways or corridors
 - Quickly find a secure room.
3. In large rooms or auditoriums
 - **Move out through exits** and move toward any police unit, when safe to do so, keeping your hands on your head. Follow law enforcement exact instructions.
4. Trapped with the gunman
 - **Do not provoke the gunman**. If no shooting is occurring, do what the gunman says and do not move suddenly.
 - **If the gunman shoots people, choose to:**
 - a. **Stay still** if you feel it is your best defense
 - b. **Run** for an exit while **zigzagging**
 - c. **Attack** the shooter

- It is only suggested to attack the shooter when there is no other option.
5. Open Spaces
 - **Stay alert and look for appropriate cover locations**. Brick walls, large trees, retaining walls, and anything which may block or deflect bullets may be used as cover.

These safety tips and guidelines are not all-inclusive, but if understood and followed up with periodic reminders and training when feasible, they may increase your chances of survival.

BOMB/ANTHRAX THREAT

Bomb, biological, or chemical threat

1. If by phone, **keep the caller on the phone** and **obtain as much information** as possible.
2. If there is another person in the office, **direct them to DIAL 911** and Public Safety 605.394.6100 while you keep the caller on the line.
3. After hanging up, **DIAL *57** to mark the call.
4. If the threat is imminent, **evacuate the building immediately**. If necessary, use the fire alarm.
5. If the threat is not immediate, the emergency management team will make the decision whether to evacuate.
6. **Do not use radio transmitters** in or near the building for bomb threats.
7. **Notify immediate supervisor**, if available, of the situation.
8. Give information about the bomb threat and the response to Public Safety, Facilities Services, or law enforcement. **Do not speak to the media**.

Unopened letter

- Keep others away

- Wash hands and exposed skin with soap and water
- Envelope with powder spills onto surface**
- Do not clean up powder
 - Keep others away
 - Wash hands and exposed skin
 - Do not brush off clothes

Package marked with threatening message

- Do not open
- Leave it and evacuate room
- Keep others from entering

Letter threatening a substance in heating, ventilation, or air conditioning systems

- Evacuate threatened area
- Keep others from entering

Bomb Threat Checklist

Be calm. Be courteous. Listen; do not interrupt the caller. Notify someone else by pre-advanced signal while caller is on the line. Learn as much detail as possible about the bomb, the time it is to explode, and the person making the threat. Listen for details.

CHEMICAL SPILL

1. **Get out of immediate danger**.
2. If necessary, **evacuate the building** by pulling the nearest fire alarm.
3. **Always stay upwind of the spill** (wind blowing from you towards spill).
4. **Contact Public Safety at 605.394.6100**
 - **Do not attempt to clean up a spill** if you have not received proper training. It will be assessed by trained personnel who will ensure that proper clean-up techniques are employed.

- Offensive odors from ventilation systems should be reported.

All laboratory personnel should be prepared to assist in assessment of spills within their area. Campus Environmental Health and Safety provides training.

In the event of a chemical spill in the Rapid City area, evacuation of the campus may be necessary. Be prepared to cooperate with traffic control officials.

UNAUTHORIZED VISITOR

- No one should be present in a locked building or room, or a fenced area secured by locked gates, without keys issued by Facilities Services or key card access.
 - An individual so authorized may have others present provided:
 - They remain in the proximity of the authorized individual.
 - Their presence is incidental.
 - They make no use of university equipment.
 - Residents and their invited guests are permitted in the residence halls only in accordance with Residence Life regulations.
 - Individuals or organizations wishing to conduct solicitation on campus must contact Surbeck Center staff at least three days in advance of reservation date.
- If there is a question of whether an individual is authorized to be on campus, but there does not seem to be an immediate threat, contact Public Safety 605.394.6100.

UTILITY EMERGENCY

- If a utility problem is discovered, such as an electrical short or an elevator failure, **call Public Safety** at 605.394.6100.
- **Stay clear of the problem**. Go outside and wait for a Facilities Services or utility company employee and direct them to the problem location.
- **Windows should be open** to allow ventilation.
- **Only personnel specifically trained** in emergency shut-off procedures should attempt to shut off the building utilities.
- Facilities Services personnel will recommend response procedures to the building managers once they have confirmed the problem.
- **Building occupants should evacuate immediately** if asked to do so by Facilities Services personnel, a utility company employee or the building manager.

ELEVATOR FAILURE

- If you are in an elevator that stops between floors or the doors will not open, **use the elevator alarm button** or call for help. An authorized employee or elevator personnel will respond.
- **Call Public Safety** at 605.394.6100 on the emergency elevator phone.
- **Never attempt to pry open the doors or overhead hatch** of a stopped elevator.
- Specially trained elevator mechanics will take care of the problem.
- **Never attempt to jump out of the elevator** if it is above floor level. This could result in injury or falling down the elevator shaft.