EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

IN AN EMERGENCY, DO NOT LEAVE CAMPUS WITHOUT NOTIFYING STAFF.

IF YOU NEED AN AMBULANCE, CALL 911.

IN ANY SITUATION WHERE THE BUILDING IS EVACUATED, REPORT TO THE EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY LOCATION FOR YOUR BUILDING.

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND SECURITY, KEEP YOUR DOOR LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.

ALWAYS FOLLOW DIRECTION FROM MU PERSONNEL.

POWER OUTAGE

- If you can safely contact the desk, inform them of the power outage, as it may be isolated.
- In the event that the outage is widespread, the staff will provide updates as available.

SEVERE WEATHER

- Staff will provide updates as available.
- Staff will attend to the necessary facilities concerns as quickly as possible; attention will be given on a priority basis.
- Exercise caution moving around campus during and following severe weather.

FIRE

- If you suspect a fire, sound the fire alarm and leave the building. Keep low to the floor if there is smoke present.
- Don’t attempt to rescue others unless you can do so safely.
- Feel the doorknob before opening the door. If it’s hot, don’t open it. If it’s not hot, open it slightly. If heat or heavy smoke is present, close the door and stay in the room.
- If you can’t leave the room, seal cracks around the door using material like bed sheets. Hang an object outside the window (bed sheet, etc.) to attract the fire department’s attention. Call 911, give them your hall, location and room number. Report that you are trapped.
- If you are in a smoke-filled location, move quickly while crouched to the nearest exit. Place a wet cloth over your head/face. Breathe through your nose.
- Cover your body with something that you can easily remove if on fire.
- Go to the nearest exit or stairway. DO NOT USE THE ELEVATOR. If the nearest exit is blocked, use another exit. In buildings with central stairwells, use exits at the end of the wings if possible.
- If all exits are blocked, go back to your room. Close the door, wave an object out the window and shout for help.
- After evacuating, go to your hall’s designated meeting location. Avoid emergency equipment.
- Never re-enter a burning building to save personal property.

EARTHQUAKE

- Indoors: stay indoors if possible. Take cover under a desk/table, or brace yourself in a doorway. Stay away from windows, and cover your head.
- Outdoors: Move to an open area away from overhead hazards. Stay away from buildings or objects that might fall. Stay away from parking lots.
- After: If there is a lot of damage, go to your designated meeting area. Wear sturdy shoes to protect your feet from broken glass. Be prepared for aftershocks.
- Stay OFF your phone to free up signal for emergency personnel. In dire need, TEXT first, then call for help.
- Do not use elevators due to possible damage or aftershocks.

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TORNADO

- If you hear sirens or the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning, take cover. Stay away from windows, doors or outside walls. Protect your head.
- It is Residential Life policy to re-locate students to designated areas when a tornado warning is issued for Boone County. Follow staff instructions about where to go during the warning.
- The best protection is in basements or in lower level hallways with no windows.
- Do not leave protected areas until the danger passes. If possible, use your cell phone/weather app for more information.
- Tornado Watch: Tornadoes/severe thunderstorms possible.
- Tornado Warning: Tornado detected; take shelter immediately.