In the event of fire, **activate the building's fire alarm system** BEFORE calling 911. **Evacuate** the building immediately!

To report any police, fire, or medical emergency, call:

- **From campus: 9 - 911**
- **Off campus or from a cell phone: 911**
- Stay on the line with the dispatcher.
- Provide the location of the building involved and your exact location. This is especially critical if you are calling from a cell phone.
- Provide a thorough description of the incident to ensure that proper resources are dispatched. 
  
  **Do not hang up until the dispatcher tells you to do so.**

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**Emergency Phone Numbers**

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In case of a fire alarm situation in any WVU building, **MOBILITY IMPAIRED PERSONS** are to exit the building via the nearest exit; however, if the mobility-impaired persons are on a floor that has no direct exit to the outside, they should go to the **Emergency Assistance Area (EAA)** (normally the elevator lobby; see Building Emergency Plan for your specific building) and await evacuation by trained rescue personnel (Morgantown Fire Department).

The two exceptions to this rule are the **Health Sciences Center** and **Allen Hall**. At the Health Sciences Center, mobility-impaired persons may exit from Health Sciences North to Health Sciences South (or vice versa) via the horizontal exit separating the building into two separate structures. At Allen Hall, mobility-impaired persons should go to the elevators facing the Agricultural Sciences Center.

**Evacuation of Mobility-Impaired Persons**

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Tornado Watch means tornadoes are possible. Remain alert for approaching storms, and be prepared to seek shelter. 
Tornado Warning means a tornado is imminent or has been indicated by Doppler radar or reported by storm spotters. Move to a place of safety (defined in this Building’s Emergency Plan) immediately!

- Move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement. Assist those with special needs in getting to the shelter area (See Evacuating Mobility-Impaired Persons).
- Do not activate the fire alarm, as this will cause people to go outside.
- Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use arms to protect head and neck. Stay away from windows and open spaces. Stay there until the danger has passed.
- If there is no basement, go to an interior room on the lowest level (closets, interior hallways, or restrooms). Do not open windows.
- In a high-rise building, go to a small, interior room or hallway with no windows on the lowest floor possible.
- Do not call 911 unless you need to report an emergency, such as a fire, medical emergency or severe building damage. 911 lines need to be kept open and available for emergency calls.

Tornado

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If there are computers, electrical appliances or electrical outlets near the leak, use extreme caution. If there is any possible danger, evacuate the area and call the WVU Police at 293-3136.

If there is no danger, call Facilities Management at 293-4357 (293-HELP) and advise the dispatcher of the problem, including:

- Location of the leak/flooding
- Severity

Whether any valuables, art collections, or books are involved or threatened.

If you know the source of the water and are confident in your ability to stop it (i.e., unclog the drain, turn off water, etc.) do so cautiously.

Be prepared to assist, as directed, in protecting University and personal property that is in jeopardy. Take only those steps that are needed to avoid or reduce immediate water damage: cover large objects with plastic sheeting; carefully move small or light objects out of the emergency area.

**Flooding and Water Damage**

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If you receive or discover a suspicious package or device:
Do not use a cell phone or 2-way radio within the area of the suspicious package.
Do not use the building fire alarm system.

DO NOT TOUCH IT, TAMPER WITH IT, OR MOVE IT! COVER the object with anything (paper, trash can, etc.) and do not move this cover. LEAVE the room and CLOSE the door, or section off the area to prevent others from entering. WARN others away. WASH hands with soap and water if you have touched the object.

IMMEDIATELY CALL 9-911 FROM A CAMPUS PHONE OR 911 FROM AN OFF-CAMPUS PHONE.
Calmly state:
• Your name
• Nature of emergency
• Building and exact location of suspicious package
• Description of the object
• Your phone number

List all people who were in the room/immediate area when this suspicious letter or package was first observed and give the list to the WVU Police.

Suspicious Package

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If you detect natural gas, fumes or vapors:

- Call 9-911 from any campus phone or 911 from a cell phone or from off campus to report the situation.
- Clear the area immediately if instructed to do so by the emergency dispatcher, providing assistance to those with special needs (See Evacuating Mobility-Impaired Persons).
- Provide your location and the location of the odor to the dispatcher.
- Provide as many details as possible to the dispatcher.

If a building or area evacuation is ordered by the emergency responders:

- Leave all ventilation systems operating unless instructed otherwise by emergency responders.
- Leave the area immediately, avoiding the use of elevators unless necessary.
- Identify those persons with special needs, and provide assistance if possible. Otherwise, provide their location to emergency responders (See Evacuating Mobility-Impaired Persons).
- Report to your department’s designated Assembly Area to be accounted for.

Gas leak—Fumes—Vapors

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If criminal activity is observed:

Do not get involved in trying to prevent the crime unless it involves self defense. If the suspect is armed, see Violence/Active Shooter.

Observe as much information as possible about the criminal: height, weight, sex, age, clothing, vehicles involved, whether the individual is armed.

Call 911 from a cell phone or off-campus, 9-911 from an on-campus phone, and calmly state:

- Your name
- Type of crime
- Exact location of crime
- Your phone number
- and answer any questions from the dispatcher; do not hang up until told to do so.

Stay where you are, if you are safe, until authorities arrive.

Crime in Progress
If it appears an individual may cause harm to themselves or to others, **call 911 immediately or 9-911** from a campus or cell phone.

**After calling 911 or 9-911**, if the individual has threatened others or appears to be armed, go to [Violence/Active Shooter/Crime in Progress](#).

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**Suicide Threat/Psychological Emergency**

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Civil disturbances include riots, demonstrations, or assemblies that have become significantly disruptive.

In the event of a civil disturbance:

- Call 9-911 from any campus phone or 911 from a cell phone or from off campus.
- If the event is in its initial stage and has not reached a critical point, call WVU Police at 293-3136.
- Provide the address, location, and all possible details to the dispatcher.
- Do not provoke or become involved in the disturbance.
- Secure your work area, log off computers, and secure sensitive files, if safe to do so.
If the disturbance is outside, stay away from doors and windows. Remain inside.

Civil Disturbance

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If you discover a fire:
- Manually activate the building's fire alarm system.
- In the case of a small fire, you may, if you have had the training, extinguish it with the nearest fire extinguisher (You must use the proper type of fire extinguisher.) If you have any doubts as to whether you will be able to control the fire, do not attempt to do so.
- Immediately evacuate the building, closing doors and windows behind you.
- DO NOT USE THE ELEVATORS.
- Locate those persons with special needs, and provide assistance if possible. Otherwise, provide their location to emergency responders (See Evacuating Mobility-Impaired Persons).
- Report to your department’s designated gathering point to be accounted for.
Call 9-911 from any campus phone or 911 from a cell phone or from off campus.

Once the fire alarm is activated:
- Walk quickly to the nearest exit. Do not use the elevators.
- If you are able, help those who need special assistance (See Evacuating Mobility-Impaired Persons).
- Notify fire personnel if you believe someone may still be in the building.
- Gather away from the building and emergency responders at a pre-designated location.
DO NOT re-enter the building until the fire department has cleared the scene.

If caught in smoke:
- Do not breathe the smoke!
- Drop to your knees and crawl to the closest safe exit.
Breathe through your nose, and use a shirt or towel to breathe through, if possible.

If trapped in a building:
- Close all doors and windows.
- Wet and place cloth material around and under the door to prevent smoke from entering.
Attempt to signal people outside of the building. Call for help using a telephone or cell phone.

Fire/Smoke

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If possible, call WVU Police Department at 293-3136. Remain calm and answer the dispatcher’s questions. If same to do so, give a good description of the violent individual: height, weight, sex, race, approximate age, clothing, name if known, location or direction of travel.

An individual must use his/her own discretion during a violent/active shooter event whether to run to safety or shelter in place; however, best practices for an active shooter situation are listed below:

IF SUSPECT IS OUTSIDE YOUR CLASSROOM/OFFICE

- Stay inside the classroom/office.
- Close and lock the inside door to the room; barricade the door with furniture.
- Close the blinds, turn off the lights, remain quiet and move behind available cover.
- Stay on the floor, away from doors or windows, and do not peek out to see what may be happening.
- If you have an outside window and see red and green cards in the room, put the appropriate color (green for okay and red for in danger) in the window to alert responders to an active threat in your area.

IF SUSPECT IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY

- Lie motionless and pretend to be unconscious.
- Do not attempt to apprehend or interfere with the suspect except for self-protection.
- An individual must use his/her own discretion about when he/she must engage a shooter for survival.

REMEMBER A.D.D.:

Avoid (person or area of disturbance)
Deny (entry of threat to your area—close/lock/barricade door)
Defend (if you must…prepare yourself to defend against an attack)

Violence/ Active Shooter

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(The disruption or loss of electricity, telephone, potable water, natural gas, steam, sanitary disposal, elevator failure, or other building utility.)

During normal work days (between 7:30am and 3:30pm) notify Facilities Management at 293-4357. After hours, notify the WVU Police Department at 293-3136.

Advise WVU Police Department at 293-3136 of known critical areas at this time. (Critical areas may be elevators, research experiments, animal quarters, temperature-sensitive chemicals, or any area where a prolonged power failure could adversely affect health or property.

Wait for instructions from WVU Police, your supervisor or building administrator.

Be prepared to evacuate if circumstances necessitate (See Evacuating Mobility-Impaired Persons).

Building Supervisor, Chemical Hygiene Officer, and/or Principal Investigator shall remain on site to advise emergency personnel.

Power or Utility Outage
Chemical Spill—Small (less than 1 liter and not extremely hazardous)
Initiate procedures defined in the laboratory’s Chemical Hygiene Plan.

Chemical Spill—Small (larger than 1 liter or extremely hazardous)
1. Quickly try to determine what was spilled; however, do not come into contact with the substance or inhale fumes.
2. If anyone experiences eye irritation, burning lungs, or other symptoms of chemical exposure, proceed directly to step 6.
3. Sound the building fire alarm to notify others to evacuate the building.
4. Phone 911 (9-911 from campus phones).
5. Follow the directions of the building evacuation plan (this should be posted on the wall near this flip chart).
6. If someone has been splashed with the chemical, immediately flush the contaminated area with water. Assume the person needs medical assistance unless told otherwise by someone knowledgeable about the chemical.
7. Contact the Chemical Hygiene Officer (CHO) of the department. Call Environmental Health and Safety at 293-3792 (Ask them to notify the CHO if you do not know that name).

Biological Spill—Small
Employ departmental containment/spill procedures in the event of a release that does not pose a serious threat to people or to the environment. The department will immediately notify Biological Safety (293-7157) of the type and quantity of biohazard released.

Biological Spill—Large
If release cannot be abated with on-site containment procedures;
Evacuate the immediate area.
Call Biological Safety (293-7157) and the WVU Police Department (293-3136).
Calmly state:
Your name
Nature of the emergency
Building and exact location of the release
Quantity and type of biohazard released.
Your phone number
Follow the instructions of the Biological Safety Officer and the WVU Police Department.

Radiation Spill—Small
Employ departmental containment/spill procedures in the event of a release that does not pose a serious threat to people or to the environment. The department will immediately notify Radiation Safety (293-3413) of the type and quantity released.

Radiation Spill—Large
If release cannot be abated with on-site containment procedures;
Evacuate the immediate area.
Call Radiation Safety (293-3413) and the WVU Police Department (293-3136).
Calmly state:
Your name
Nature of the emergency
Building and exact location of the release
Quantity and type of biohazard released.
Your phone number
Follow the instructions of the Radiation Safety Officer and the WVU Police Department.

Chemical/Biological/Radiation Spill

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Try to keep the caller on the phone. Be Calm, Be Courteous, Listen and Do Not Interrupt

Call Received: ____________ Call Ended: ____________
Date Time Date Time

Person Receiving Call __________________________
Name Phone Number

Department: __________________________

Write Down Exact Wording of the Threat:
_______________________________________________________________________________

Listen while the caller talks and try to ask the following questions:

When is the bomb going to explode?
Where is the bomb right now?
What kind of bomb is it?
What will cause it to explode?
Did you place the bomb?
Why was the bomb placed?
What is your name?
What is your address?
Where are you calling from?
What is your phone number?

Are you calling from a pay phone?

Gender of Caller: ________
Impression of Race of Caller: ________
Impression of Age of Caller: ___

Caller’s Voice/Threat Language Background Noises/Location (Circle ALL that apply):

  Calm, Excited, Angry, Slow, Rapid, Street, Noise, Voices, Music, House, Noise,
  Soft, Loud, Normal, Distinct, Slurred, Laughter, Crying, Motor, Office, Factory
  Nasal, Stutter, Lisp, Deep, Breathing, Dishes, Animal, Noise, Static, Phone Booth, Cell phone
  Deep, Ragged, Cracking, Voice, Clearing Throat, Long Distance, Taped Clear
  Disguised, Foul Language, Well Spoken
  Irrational, Incoherent Accent

Did the caller seem to be reading the message? _____
Was the voice familiar? _______
If so, whom did it sound like? ________________________

Call the WVU Police at 293-3136 and give them the above information.
Notify your supervisor, professor, resident assistant, or nearest University authority.

BOMB THREAT

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The designated safe area(s) in this building for sheltering in place/tornado/weather threat include:

In the event that you hear the fire alarm or must evacuate for some other reason, all occupants of this room should go to the following location if it is safe to do so:

The Emergency Assistance Area (EAA) for this building is:

(Mobility-impaired persons may await evacuation at that location by trained rescue personnel of the Morgantown Fire Department.)

Specific hazards/controls for this location include:

In an emergency, call 9-911 from any campus phone.
Call 911 from your cell phone or from off campus.
Do not use your cell phone in the building during a bomb threat.

You are in Room Number _________ in ____________________
(name of building)