1. For help with any type of emergency, call the UIS Police Department at 6-7777 or dial 911.

2. Explain the problem and location to the UIS Police Department Telecommunicator. Do not hang up until told to do so.

3. For additional emergency procedures information, speak with your Building Representative. A list of Building Representatives can be obtained from the UIS Police Department.
RaveAlert
RaveAlert is an emergency notification service. The system is able to send emergency messages quickly and can distribute these messages in different formats, including Facebook and Twitter.

Guardian
Guardian allows any user with a Web-enabled cell-phone to activate a “panic button” that will immediately alert police to a problem and open communications between the user and the Campus Police. Additionally, Guardian has a precautionary timer that acts as a digital alternative to a campus walking escort. A user will be able to set the estimated time needed to walk to a destination. If that time expires and the user has not canceled the timer, the Campus Police will call to ensure that the user is safe.

EyeWitness
EyeWitness allows anyone who witnesses a crime to initiate a text message conversation with a Police Telecommunicator. This service allows anyone to text the Campus Police to expedite a law-enforcement response. EyeWitness offers tipsters anonymity, allowing students to discreetly provide timely, critical information without letting those in his/her vicinity in on the conversation.

Who May Use This Service
Students, faculty, and staff of the University of Illinois Springfield can register to receive messages from RaveAlert.

Sign Up Now
Go to the UIS Police website and click on the link for the Emergency Notification System.

Help
Please contact the UIS Technology Support Center with questions or problems using RaveAlert.
Email: TechSupport@uis.edu
Phone: 217.206.6000 or 877.847.0443 toll-free
FLOODING

Flooding can occur due to rainstorms, water main breaks, or power failure to sump pumps.

If safe to do so:
1. Secure necessary equipment, records, and hazardous materials and move them to higher ground.
2. Shut off non-essential electrical equipment.
3. Wait for instructions from the Police Department or Facility Services.

Move to a safe area, away from the flooded structure. Notify emergency personnel of persons with disabilities who are in the area and need help to evacuate.

Do not return to the area until instructed to do so by the Police Department or Facility Services.
CIVIL DISTURBANCE OR DEMONSTRATIONS

1. Most campus demonstrations are peaceful. Carry on business as usual, if possible. Avoid provoking or obstructing the demonstrators.

2. Should a disturbance occur, call UISPD at 6-6690. To avoid controversy, if possible use a private office when making the call. In case of a threatening disturbance, call 6-7777 or 911. The following action should be taken:
   a. Alert all individuals in the area of the disturbance.
   b. Lock doors, secure files, documents, and equipment.
   c. If necessary, cease operations and evacuate.
   d. Contact 6-7777 or 911 for further instructions.

3. If a class is disrupted, call 6-7777 or 911.

CIVIL DISTURBANCE OR DEMONSTRATIONS
EXPLOSION, AIRCRAFT CRASH, OR SIMILAR INCIDENT

1. Immediately take cover under tables, desks, or anything that will give protection against falling glass or debris.

2. After the effects of the incident have subsided, call UISPD at **6-7777** or **911**. Give your name and describe the location and nature of an emergency.

3. NOTIFY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE IN THE BUILDING AND NEED HELP TO EVACUATE.

4. IN CASE OF FIRE, DO NOT USE ELEVATORS.

5. Once outside, move to a clear area at least 150 yards away from the affected building. Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel. If requested, assist the UIS Police Department. DO NOT RETURN TO AN EVACUATED BUILDING unless directed to do so by UISPD.

6. Do not return to area. Do not pick up any debris. Do not light a match or smoke.
FIRE

1. **Pull fire alarm.** Evacuate and close doors as you go without locking them.

2. **Evacuate building using the most direct route and nearest exit.**

3. **Do not use elevators.**

4. Once outside, move to a clear area at least 150 yards away from the affected building. Keep the walkways clear for emergency vehicles. DO NOT RETURN TO AN EVACUATED BUILDING unless directed to do so by the UIS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

5. **NOTIFY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE IN THE BUILDING AND NEED HELP TO EVACUATE.**

6. Notify UIS Police Department concerning any special circumstances such as failure of the staff to evacuate persons with disabilities. This information will be forwarded to the Springfield Fire Department.

7. Should you become trapped in the building, dial **6-7777** or **911**, if possible, to inform UISPD of your location. If a window is available, attempt to attract the attention of UIS Police or emergency response personnel.
TORNADO

**Tornado Watch** means tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms, and be prepared to act quickly if a warning is issued. Review and discuss your emergency plan with others.

**Tornado Warning** means a tornado is imminent and an immediate danger to life and property. A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Move to your pre-designated storm refuge area immediately!

1. Be aware of the Civil Defense sirens used if a tornado is sighted.
2. **IF INDOORS,** go to the lowest level of the building. Interior hallways, rooms, or restrooms are preferable, away from glass windows.
3. **IF OUTDOORS,** go to the nearest ditch or depression, away from power lines, buildings, and trees. **DO NOT STAY IN A CAR OR ATTEMPT TO OUTRUN THE TORNADO.**
4. **NOTIFY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE IN THE BUILDING AND NEED HELP TO EVACUATE.**

There are no “all clear” sirens. If you continue to hear tornado sirens, there is still a threat. Utilize the emergency notification systems, such as UIS-Alert, to receive updated information.

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.

5. After the tornado has passed, evaluate the situation and if emergency help is needed, call 6-7777 or 911. Be aware of dangerous structural conditions. Report damaged facilities to the **UIS Police Department.**

**NOTE:** Gas leaks and power failures create special hazards. Do not light a match or smoke. (Refer to section on utility failure.)

6. **IN CASE OF FIRE, DO NOT USE ELEVATORS.**

7. If outdoors, move away from utility poles. **ALWAYS AVOID DOWNED POWER OR UTILITY LINES, AS THEY MAY BE ENERGIZED.**
1. If indoors, seek refuge under a desk or table. Stay away from glass windows, shelves, and heavy equipment. **DURING AN EARTHQUAKE, EXIT THE BUILDING ONLY AFTER THE SHAKING HAS STOPPED.**

2. If outdoors, move away from utility poles and buildings. **Always avoid power or utility lines as they may be energized.**

3. After the initial shock, evaluate the situation and if emergency help is necessary, call **6-7777 or 911.** Protect yourself at all times and be prepared for after-shocks.

4. Report damaged facilities to **6-7777 or 911.**

**NOTE:** Gas leaks and power failures create special hazards. (Please refer to the section on Utility Failures.) **Do not light a match or smoke.**

5. **NOTIFY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE IN THE BUILDING AND NEED HELP TO EVACUATE.**

6. **IN CASE OF FIRE, DO NOT USE ELEVATORS.**

7. If evacuated, move to a clear area at least 150 yards away from the affected building. Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel. If requested, assist the **UIS Police Department. DO NOT RETURN TO AN EVACUATED BUILDING** unless directed by **UISPD.**
1. Report spillage of a chemical or radioactive material immediately to 6-7777 or 911. Do not return to affected area.

2. Anyone who may be contaminated by the spill should avoid contact with others. Do not touch anything. Flood chemical burn with cool water for at least 15 minutes.

3. When reporting, be specific about the nature and location of spilled material. UIS Police Department will activate the emergency response units.

4. Persons not trained in spill techniques should immediately evacuate the area.

5. **NOTIFY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE IN THE BUILDING AND NEED HELP TO EVACUATE.**

6. **IN CASE OF FIRE, DO NOT USE ELEVATORS.**

7. Once outside, move to a clear area at least 150 yards away from the affected building. Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel. If requested, assist the UIS Police Department. **DO NOT RETURN TO AN EVACUATED BUILDING** unless directed by UISPD.
SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE

If you receive or discover a suspicious package or device:

DO NOT TOUCH IT, TAMPER WITH IT, OR MOVE IT!

IMMEDIATELY CALL THE UIS POLICE 6-7777 OR 911 FROM A CAMPUS PHONE, OR THE UIS POLICE 206-7777 OR 911 FROM A CELL PHONE* OR OFF CAMPUS PHONE

*Do not use a cell phone within 300 feet of the suspicious package.

What constitutes a suspicious letter or parcel?

Some typical characteristics which should trigger suspicion include letters or parcels that:

1. Have a powdery substance on the outside.
2. Are unexpected or from someone unfamiliar to you.
3. Have excessive postage.
4. Handwritten or poorly typed addresses, incorrect titles or titles with no name.
5. Misspellings of common words.
6. Are addressed to someone no longer with your organization or are otherwise outdated.
7. Have no return address or have one that can’t be verified as legitimate.
8. Are of unusual weight, given their size, or are lopsided or oddly shaped.
9. Have an unusual amount of tape.
10. Are marked with restrictive endorsements, such as “Personal” or “Confidential.”
11. Have strange odors or stains.

What to do if you receive a suspicious package or parcel:

Handle with care. Do no shake or bump.
Isolate it immediately.
Don’t open, smell, touch or taste.
Treat it as suspect. Call the UIS Police immediately.

SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE
BOMB THREAT

1. If you observe a suspicious object that may be a potential bomb on campus, **DO NOT HANDLE THE OBJECT!** Clear area and immediately call the UIS Police Department at **6-7777** or **911**.

2. Any person receiving a telephone call that a bomb or other explosive device has been placed on campus should obtain as much information from the caller as possible, including the following:
   
a. Time of call and the phone line on which the threat was received. (If phone has caller I.D., note number of caller.)
   b. Description and location of bomb.
   c. Perceived personal characteristics and gender of person.
   d. Noticeable speech pattern, accent, etc.
   e. Description of any background noise.
   f. Reason bomb was placed on campus.

3. The **UIS Police Department** will conduct a detailed bomb search. **DO NOT TOUCH ANY SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS!**

4. When the building evacuation alarms are sounded or when told to leave by **UISPD**, leave by the nearest marked exit and alert others to do the same.

5. **NOTIFY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE IN THE BUILDING AND NEED HELP TO EVACUATE.**

6. **IN CASE OF FIRE, DO NOT USE ELEVATORS.**

7. Once outside, move to a clear area at least 150 yards away from the affected building. Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel. If requested, assist the **UIS Police Department. DO NOT RETURN TO AN EVACUATED BUILDING** unless directed by **UISPD.**
VIOLENT OR CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR

1. Be alert to suspicious situations or persons and report them to the UISPD at 6-7777 or 911.

2. If you are a victim of or witness to any on-campus violation of the law, such as assault, robberies, or theft, contact 6-7777 or 911. (Refer to section on Assault.)

3. Notify 6-7777 or 911 as soon as possible and provide them with the following information:
   b. Location of incident.
   c. Description of person involved.
   d. Description of property involved.

4. If you witness a criminal act or notice a person acting suspiciously on campus, call 6-7777 or 911 and give information outlined above.
UTILITY FAILURE

1. In the event a utility failure occurs during regular working hours, notify the Office of Physical Planning and Operations, 6-6530.

2. If there is danger to the building occupants, or if the utility failure occurs after hours, on weekends, or during holidays, call UISPD at 6-7777 or 911.

3. NOTIFY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE IN THE BUILDING AND NEED HELP TO EVACUATE.

4. IN CASE OF FIRE, DO NOT USE ELEVATORS.

5. Once outside, move to a clear area at least 150 yards away from the affected building. Keep the walkways clear for emergency vehicles. DO NOT RETURN TO AN EVACUATED BUILDING unless directed to do so by the UIS Police Department.

Electrical/Light Failure:
All buildings are equipped with an emergency light system that will provide enough illumination in corridors and stairs for safe exiting. Individual departments may wish to have flashlights available.

Elevator Failure:
If you are trapped in an elevator, activate elevator alarm and/or use the emergency telephone, which will automatically put you in contact with the UISPD. NEVER ATTEMPT TO EXIT AN ELEVATOR STOPPED BETWEEN FLOORS.

Plumbing Failure/Flooding:
Cease the use of all electrical equipment. Notify the Office of Physical Planning and Operations at 6-6530. If necessary, vacate the area. After hours call UISPD at 6-7777 or 911.

Gas Leak:
VACATE THE AREA. DO NOT SWITCH ON LIGHTS OR ANY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. REMEMBER, electrical arcing can trigger an explosion! Notify UISPD at 6-7777 or 911 and the Office of Physical Planning and Operations at 6-6530. Do not smoke, light matches, or lighter. DO NOT RETURN TO AN EVACUATED BUILDING unless directed to do so by the UIS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Ventilation Problem:
If fire or odor comes from the ventilation or equipment, vacate the area. Notify the Office of Physical Planning and Operations at 6-6530 or UISPD at 6-7777 or 911 after hours.
CRIME PREVENTION AND RESOURCES

If you are a victim or witness a crime:

Report the incident to the UIS Police 206-7777 (or 6-7777 from a campus phone). If you observe a perpetrator commit a crime, do not block their avenue of escape. Instead, get a good description of the perpetrator, direction of travel, and any pertinent vehicle information (make, model, color, and license plate number). Do not follow the perpetrator. Let the perpetrator leave the scene. If followed, the perpetrator may panic and cause you harm.

Personal Safety Tips:

2. **LOCK YOUR ROOM DOOR** whenever you leave, even if it’s for a short time. Also be sure to lock your door when you will be showering or sleeping.
3. **NEVER PROP OPEN EXTERIOR DOORS.** If you see a door propped, close it.
4. **DON’T ALLOW PEOPLE YOU DO NOT KNOW TO “TAILGATE”** behind you into a residential area.
5. **NEVER LEAVE YOUR LAPTOP COMPUTER,** textbooks, cellular phone, backpack, purse or other valuables unattended or out of your sight.
6. **AVOID WALKING OR JOGGING ALONE** and never walk or jog alone after dark. Always choose a well-lit path and avoid dark and isolated areas.
7. **BE ALERT,** and always be aware of what is going on around you.
8. **TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS;** if it doesn’t feel safe, it probably isn’t. Move to a safe place immediately and call for help.
9. **DO NOT LEAVE EXPENSIVE PROPERTY** such as a GPS, purse or cell phone in plain view in your vehicle. Lock them in your trunk or take them with you.
10. **IF YOU SEE A SUSPICIOUS PERSON** or someone you don’t believe should be in the area, call the Police.

Resource Information

**Emergency:**
- UIS Police 206-7777 or 911
- (From a campus phone) UIS Police 6-7777 or 911

**Police Non-emergency:**
- 206-6690
- (From a campus phone) 6-6690

The UIS Police Department offers other services to the Campus Community such as:

- Code Blue Emergency phones
- Escort Service to ensure safety when walking on campus
- Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes
- Crime statistics and other resources can be found online at www.uis.edu/police
SAFETY/ASSAULT

SAFETY AT THE OFFICE

1. Do not give out personal information while at work.

2. If working after hours, inform the UIS Police Department at 6-6690. Keep your door locked. Ask for ID before admitting persons.

3. Do not inform others that you are alone. If you have an active order of protection, notify UISPD.

To design a personal protection program for your office, contact UISPD at 6-6960.

SAFETY IN THE CAR

1. Park in well lighted areas and have your key ready to unlock your vehicle. You may wish to carry a cellular phone in your vehicle.

2. Check the back seat of your vehicle before getting in. Make sure no one is concealed in your vehicle.

3. Keep doors locked at all times. If your car breaks down, raise the hood, put on emergency lights, and lock doors. Wait for someone to stop (staying in your locked car), and ask them to call the police or a tow service.

4. If you are near a campus parking lot, locate the emergency code blue telephone unit. Push the button and the unit immediately dials the UIS Police Department. Once UISPD answers the call, calmly describe the nature and severity of your problem. The telephone unit, once activated, sets off a flashing blue light and automatically indicates the location to the UIS Police Department.

IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT

Look for situations that you can exploit to your advantage. Your primary objective should be to survive the attack and avoid serious injury to yourself.

Take notice of the characteristics of your assailant including his habits, surroundings, contacts, speech and mannerisms. This information is important for the police in trying to apprehend the criminal. CALL 6-7777 or 911.

If you have been sexually assaulted, do not shower, bathe, douche, or destroy any clothes you were wearing. Do not disturb the area where the assault occurred. If you change clothes, put clothes in a paper bag and take them to the hospital or police station for evidence. It is best not to change clothes. SEEK MEDICAL HELP. Be sure to get medical attention for injuries and tests for sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy.

SEXUAL ASSAULT ASSISTANCE

Campus Police Department (available 24 hours) ....................... 6-7777 or 911

UIS Health Services ............................ 6-6676

UIS Counseling Center ................. 6-7122

Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault ................. (217) 744-2560
24-Hour Hotline ........................................ (217) 753-8081

UIS Women’s Center ......................... 6-7173
EVACUATION AND SHELTER-IN-PLACE

There are two actions that individuals can take during emergency situations: Building Evacuation (Get Out) and Shelter-in-Place (Stay In).

Only follow these actions if it is safe to do so. When in doubt, follow your instincts – you are your best advocate.

BUILDING EVACUATION (GET OUT) –
Action taken to leave an area for personal safety.

- Take the time to learn the different ways to leave your building before there is an emergency.
- Evacuations are mandatory for fire alarms and when directed by authorities. No exceptions!
- Evacuate immediately. Pull manual fire alarm to prompt a response for others to evacuate.
- Take critical personal items only (keys, purse and outerwear) and close doors behind you.
- Assist those who need help, but carefully consider whether you may put yourself at risk.
- Look for Exit signs indicating potential egress/escape routes.
- Evacuate to an evacuation assembly area. If not known, exit the building to a safe location.
- Remain at the evacuation assembly area until additional instructions are given.
- Alert authorities to those who may need assistance.
- Do not re-enter the building until informed by emergency personnel that it is safe to return.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE (STAY IN) –
Action taken to seek immediate shelter indoors when emergency conditions do not warrant or allow evacuation.

Severe Weather

- If you are outside, proceed to the nearest protective building.
- If sheltering-in-place due to severe weather, proceed to the identified Storm Refuge Area or to the lowest, most interior area of the building away from window or hazardous equipment or materials.

Security Threat

- If you cannot safely evacuate, find a secure area within your building to stay and wait for further information.
- Assist those who need help, but carefully consider whether you may put yourself at risk.
- Once within a safe place, attempt to secure the space (i.e.: lock doors, close windows/blinds).
- If unable to lock the door, secure by any means possible.
- Remain quiet, unless making noise would be beneficial to your safety (i.e.: rescue recovery).
- Do not open the door until a KNOWN law enforcement officer advises it is safe to do so or some other credible information, such as UIS-Alert, is received advising the threat is over.
MEDICAL AND FIRST AID

1. If a serious injury or illness occurs, call the UIS Police Department at 6-7777 or 911. Give your name, describe the nature and severity of the medical problems, and the campus location of the victim.

**NOTE:** UISPD has a direct line to paramedics and ambulance service and can render first aid and CPR.

2. In case of minor injury or illness, provide first aid care. Use the first aid materials located in the building (if available).

3. In case of serious injury or illness, quickly perform the following steps:
   a. Keep victim still and comfortable. **DO NOT MOVE VICTIM.**
   b. Ask victim, “Are you okay?” and “What is wrong?”
   c. Check breathing and conditions of victim.
   d. Control serious bleeding by direct pressure on the wound.
   e. Provide assistance to the victim until help arrives.
   f. Look for emergency medical I.D. Question witnesses and give all information to UISPD.
   g. Call 6-7777 or 911.

4. Call Campus Office of Health Services, 6-6676, if injury or illness is minor.

**Be sure to restock first aid supply kits as materials are used.**

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|                                                                 | Keep injured area immobile.                                                                      |

**NOTE:** Professional medical care should be sought after first aid is given.
ACTIVE SHOOTER/ACTIVE THREAT

An active threat is defined as any incident which by its deliberate nature creates an immediate threat or presents an imminent danger to the campus community.

Only follow these actions if it is safe to do so. When in doubt, follow your instincts – you are your best advocate!

If the Active Shooter/Active Threat is inside your building:

- Remain calm
- Have an escape rout and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Keep your hands visible
- Immediately exit the building via the safest possible route, away from the threat if possible, and seek refuge away from the immediate area inside another building.
- **If you cannot evacuate**, find the nearest location that provides safety, barricade/block doors by any means possible, shut off lights, move to an area of the room where you cannot be seen and keep quiet. Put your cell phone on silent mode.
- As soon as it is safe to do so, notify authorities by calling 911.
- DO NOT open the door until a KNOWN law enforcement officer advises it is safe to do so or some other credible information, such as UIS-Alert, is received advising the threat is over.
- Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger. Act with physical aggression, throw items at the shooter or attempt to incapacitate the shooter.
- Commit to your actions...your life depends on it.

If the Active Shooter/Active Threat is NOT inside your building:

- Remain calm
- Find the nearest location that provides safety.
- Close and lock doors; if doors cannot be locked, barricade/block the door with anything available.
- Do not open the door until a KNOWN law enforcement officer advises it is safe to do so or some other credible information, such as UIS-Alert, is received advising the threat is over.

For more information about this subject please contact the UIS Police Department at 217-206-6690.

The University has implemented an emergency notification system called UIS-Alert. To receive UIS-Alert notifications, register at www.uis.edu/emergencies/uis-alert/ with your personal contact information. This system will be used to notify you of imminent threat to health, life and safety.