Contractor / Guest Emergency Procedures

Individuals or groups visiting or working on campus may stay informed of emergency incidents by registering for AU Alerts. AU Alerts provide information on what is happening, what to do, and links to available additional information. Alerts are sent out using text, Twitter, (@AUAlert and @AmericanUPolice), lobby visual displays, and outdoor speakers located throughout campus.

Sign up to receive for AU Alerts on your mobile phone:

- Text AUALERTS to 226787
- You will receive emergency notifications by text from AU
- Opt out from receiving alerts by texting STOP to 226787

Security Threat: Campus Lockdown

Acts or threats of violence directed at our community will prompt a campus emergency AU Alert stating “Security Threat: Campus Lockdown.” Exterior doors will lock down and will only be able to be opened by emergency personnel. However, doors will always allow you to exit a building from the inside.

Inside Actions Personal Safety

- If you are inside and are in immediate danger; RUN. Exit as quickly as possible. Call AUPD at (202) 885-3636 from a safe location.
- If you are inside in immediate danger and are unable to exit; HIDE, remain quiet and calm, and monitor AU Alerts for additional instructions. Turn off cell phone ringers.
- As a last resort, if you are in immediate danger: FIGHT!
- If you are inside and are NOT in immediate danger, STAY WHERE YOU ARE. Remain quiet and calm, and monitor AU Alerts for additional instructions. Turn off cell phone ringers.
- If in a classroom, secure the classroom door and block or cover any windows to the hallway.
- Evacuate your building only if you are directed to do so by emergency personnel.

Outside Actions Personal Safety

If you are outside, LEAVE CAMPUS. Leave campus as quickly as possible, by foot, public transportation, or driving. Monitor social media, e-mail, or your phone for an AU Alert for additional instructions.

Resources:

- AUPD Emergency: (202) 885-3636
- Web: www.American.edu/emergency
- @AUAlerts
- @AmericanUPolice
- Email: Prepared@american.edu