

Emergency Response and Evacuation

Emergency Response

The University's Emergency Plan includes information about Emergency Planning Members, Emergency types and actions to be taken; campus parameters; shelter-in-place and evacuation guidelines; emergency notifications and timely warning policies and MOUs. University Building Managers are responsible for assisting Campus Security in an evacuation drill for their specific building. The University conducts emergency response exercises annually, and tests of the emergency notification systems on campus are also conducted. These tests are designed to assess and evaluate the emergency plans and capabilities of the institution.

Campus Security Directors and supervisors have received training in Incident Command and Responding to Critical Incidents on Campus. When a serious incident occurs that causes an immediate threat to the campus, the first responders to the scene are usually the Campus Security Staff, local police and/or the local fire department, and they typically respond and work together to manage the incident. Depending on the nature of the incident, other public safety departments and other local or federal agencies could also be involved in responding to the incident.

General information about the emergency response and evacuation procedures for University of Bridgeport is publicized each year as part of the institution's Clery Act compliance efforts. Detailed information about and updates to the Emergency Plan, are available on the University of Bridgeport portal. The Emergency Plan is also distributed to the local Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and local first responders.

All members of the University of Bridgeport Community are notified on an annual basis that they are required to notify the Campus Security Department of any situation or incident on campus that involves a significant emergency or dangerous situation that may involve an immediate or ongoing threat to the health and safety of students and/or employees on campus. Campus Security has the responsibility of responding to, and summoning the necessary resources, to mitigate, investigate, and document any situation that may cause a significant emergency or dangerous situation. In addition, the local Police Department has a responsibility to respond to such incidents to determine if the situation does in fact, pose a threat to the community. If that is the case, Federal Law requires that the institution immediately notify the campus community or the appropriate segments of the community that may be affected by the situation.

Notification to the University of Bridgeport Community about an Immediate Threat Emergency Notification System

If Campus Security confirms that there is an emergency or dangerous situation that poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of some or all members of the University of Bridgeport Community, University Administrators will collaborate to determine the content of the message and will use some or all of the systems described below to communicate the threat to the University of Bridgeport Community or to the appropriate segment of the community, if the threat is limited to a particular building or segment of the population. University Administration will, without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the notification system, unless issuing a notification, will, in the judgment of the first responders (including, but not limited to: local police or fire), compromise the efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

In the event of a serious incident that poses an immediate threat to members of the University of Bridgeport community, the University has implemented an electronic notification system which will send a message to as many as five unique addresses provided by each community member. Such addresses include voice, text or email sent to cell phones, land lines, computers and hand held devices such as Blackberries and Palm Pilots. All community members are urged to access Web Advisor at www.bridgeport.edu and register for this no-cost service, and to maintain their contact information. If you incur any problems, please contact Campus Security at 203-576-4913. The notification system will be used only in a significant emergency or dangerous situation, and is intended to immediately notify the campus community upon the confirmation of such an event involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on or in the vicinity of a University campus, unless issuing a notification will compromise efforts to contain the emergency.

Other methods of communication include network emails, and emergency messages that will be placed on the University of Bridgeport website at <http://www.bridgeport.edu> and the University of Bridgeport portal. Some or all of these methods of communication may be activated in the event of an immediate threat to the University of Bridgeport community. The University will continue to post updates during a critical incident on the University of Bridgeport web site and portal.

The University publicizes emergency response and evacuation procedures on at least an annual basis in a manner designed to reach students and staff, including but not limited to: the distribution of and training in a lock-down, shelter-in place, and evacuation. The university tests the emergency response and evacuation procedures on at least an annual basis.

Telephone Directory

Campus Emergency	203-576-4911
Campus Security Information	203-576-4913
University Information	203-576-4000