EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

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We are the ones who prepare, help prevent, and respond to incidents at Tulane University.

We perform annual risk assessments, trainings, create emergency plans, and constantly think of all the bad things that could happen!
WHAT TULANE PREPARES FOR

• Each year we do a hazard assessment and prepare for the most likely scenarios that might affect the university.

• Some common hazards:
  – Hurricanes
  – Active Shooter
  – Severe Weather
  – Fire
  – Bio/Chemical Spill
  – Pandemics
  – Boil Water Advisories
  – And much more!
HOW WE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR STUDENT IN AN EMERGENCY EVENT:

- Emergency website: http://emergency.tulane.edu/
- Mass Notification Communication System- Everbridge
- Email
- Text
- Voicemail
- ALERTUS
- Blue Light Sirens on Campus
- Social Media: @TulaneEmergency on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram
EVERBRIDGE APP

The Everbridge app is available in the Apple and Android store. It is available free to Tulane students, faculty, and staff who have a Tulane.edu login.

Once your student registers and creates a user profile, they may use the **Safe Corridor** feature while walking or traveling in uncomfortable situations. This feature will prompt them to enter a code at regular intervals throughout their journey to ensure their safety. Upon their arrival, they simply disarm the feature. If they do not disarm the feature, TUPD will be notified and TUPD will call your student.

**Emergency Call & SOS button**
Your student should log in to Gibson, look under “Records” and use the link to confirm or correct their own contact information record (address, mobile phone #, email) to make sure they’ll receive all emergency communications.
ACTIVE SHOOTER

We teach students the Run, Hide, Fight response method in case of an active shooter.

• There are several opportunities throughout the year for students to attend active shooter trainings.
RUN, HIDE, FIGHT active shooter response

RUN
- Do not run towards the shooter
- Do not wait for anyone or anything
- Do not take your belongings with you

HIDE
- If you cannot run away, then hide
- Hide under or behind thick objects
- Be extremely quiet and still to not draw attention

FIGHT
- Only as a LAST RESORT
- Do this with a group of people
- Use whatever heavy object you may have on hand, like laptops or chairs
- Take the gun/weapon away as soon as possible
  - Fight like your life depends on it! Because it does!

*The order might change based on your specific situation.*
HURRICANE EVACUATION PLANNING

Develop a **personal emergency plan** with your student

– Where will your student go?
– When will you make a decision?
  • Tulane will close 3-4 days before predicted hurricane landfall.
– How will your student travel out of the city?
  • Tulane will provide shuttles to the airport.
  • Rail and bus transportation will not be available options.
– Who is your designated out-of-town contact?
– How will you communicate with your student?
HURRICANES 101

Storm formation

- Atlantic Ocean –
  - Typically we see these form 7+ days before landfall
  - ~5 days before landfall we have a good sense of the storm’s path and projected landfall area
  - Decision to close and evacuate or close and shelter in place made 3-4 days before landfall

- Gulf of Mexico –
  - Typically we see these form ~4 days before landfall
  - Decision to close and evacuate or close in shelter in place made as soon as possible once projected path known

Keep in mind: The last time Tulane had a mandatory evacuation was in 2008! Even though we don’t have to evacuate every time, we’re always prepared!
HURRICANE EVACUATION

- Each student needs to have a personal evacuation plan. **July 15 is the deadline for students to submit their plan in Gibson Online.**
- If travelling back to your home is complicated, investigate evacuating your student to a relative’s or family friend’s location.
- Tulane University has an agreement in place with the University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) to house students who cannot implement their personal evacuation plans during a university evacuation. Students will be bussed to UAB and can bring only basic supplies.
- Evacuating with the university should be the **last resort.**
EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Make sure your student has several days’ worth of essential personal supplies in a “Go Bag”

Clothes
Prescription Medications
Non-Prescription Medications
Food and Water
First Aid Kits and Eyeglasses
Face Covering
Hand Sanitizer and Gloves
Bedding/Sleeping Bags
Sanitation and Hygiene Supplies

Important Documents
Portable Chargers
Flashlights or Glow Sticks
Emergency Cash
Written Emergency Contact List
(separate from phone)
OTHER RESOURCES
State: getagameplan.org
City: ready.nola.gov
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