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- Red phones and code blue phones throughout the campus will connect you directly to security.
- From campus land line: 4010 or 4911.
- From cell phone or off campus: 816-501-4010.

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What’s the Plan?

When an emergency happens, our response is guided by the Rockhurst University Emergency Operations Plan. This detailed document designates a team of administrators and staff members from a cross-section of the campus to serve in the event of an emergency, and provides directions for how the team will operate and communicate with the campus and the public.

What Can You Do?

- Register for the campus emergency notification system, Rock@lerts, by visiting www.rockhurst.edu/rock@lerts. You can choose several notification methods, including text message, e-mail and voice mail.
- Listen for the tone from the Rockhurst bell tower that signals you to check the emergency notification methods for which you have registered through Rock@lerts. You can also check www.rockhurst.edu for additional information.
- Keep your emergency contact information current:
  - Students – Log on to your Rockweb account at Rockhurst.edu to update your information
  - Faculty and staff – Contact Human Resources at 816-501-4834 or MaryBeth.Murray@rockhurst.edu
- Cooperatively participate in and learn from routine safety drills.
- In an emergency, try to remain calm and think clearly. Be prepared to follow directions from first responders such as local law enforcement, Rockhurst Security, building emergency coordinators or Residence Life staff.
- Don’t crowd around the scene of an accident or emergency unless you have been asked to provide help. Too many people at the scene as onlookers or trying to help can interfere with the work of emergency personnel.
- Go to www.rockhurst.edu/emergency to access this information.
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What If?

Fire

- Pull fire alarm.
- Notify Security by red phone, code blue phone, dialing 4911 or 4010 from a campus land line, or calling 816-501-4010 from your cell phone.
- Follow evacuation plans posted in campus buildings.
- Go to nearest exit or stairs. Do not use elevators.
- If smoke is present, remain low to ground during evacuation.

Illness or Serious Injury

- Do not move the injured person unless absolutely necessary.
- Notify Security by red phone, code blue phone, dialing 4911 or 4010 from a campus land line, or calling 816-501-4010 from your cell phone.
- Give the exact location of the victim (building and room number), apparent nature of illness or injury and your name and phone number.
- Remain with the person until assistance arrives.

Armed Intruder

Follow STAY procedure.

- Secure your area. Lock doors and windows and close blinds.
- Take cover. Hide and stay out of sight.
- Advise others. Tell those you see to protect themselves.
- You must take measures to protect yourself.
  - If you can make a phone call without attracting attention, contact Security (ext. 4911) from a campus land line or 816-501-4010 from your cell phone. Or send a text message to a friend and ask that person to make the call.

Tornado

- If city sirens sound, take shelter in lowest level of the building away from windows and doors.
- Rockhurst Security officers will circulate through campus buildings and tell people to seek immediate shelter. If you hear a siren, seek shelter immediately and do not wait for an officer.
- Residence hall staff will notify residents through the public address system. Students living in Town House Village and On Campus Houses should monitor their University-issued weather radios, watch local news reports, and listen for city tornado sirens. All students in University housing must take immediate shelter when a tornado siren is activated, a tornado warning is issued by the National Weather Service, or instructed by University personnel.
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