
NDSCS Emergency Procedure Guide

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North Dakota State
College of Science

Important Contacts

Call 911 to report any
emergency

NDSCS Police

· 701-671-2233

Safety & Risk Management

· 701-671-2352

Facilities Management

· 701-671-2313

Health Service

· 701-671-2286

College Relations & Marketing

· 701-671-2245

*Law enforcement has the
Emergency Call List

**When entering a new situation, acclimate yourself
to your surroundings:**

**Locate exits, windows, fire extinguishers and
methods of escape that can help you later**

Medical

Fire

Evacuation
Assistance

Floods

Bomb
Threat

Active
Aggressor

Lockdown

Shelter
In Place

Winter
Storm

Tornado/
Severe Weather

Suspicious
Package

Chemical
Spill

EMERGENCY RESPONSE LEADERSHIP:

Leadership authority during an emergency shall start with the following:

David Cooper – Director of Facilities Management

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

During an emergency, NDSCS will use the following means and methods of communication.

Emergency notifications will be conducted through the Emergency Notification System using the following methods: Landline Telephones, Cell phones, Texting and Email

MEDIA INQUIRIES

Inquiries from the media during or after an emergency must be promptly referred to College Relations and Marketing staff at 701-671-2245. Be sure the media representatives know that you cannot speak on behalf of the college.

EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

If someone is injured or becomes ill:

- Stay Calm
- Do not move the injured person unless there is a life-threatening situation.
- Dial **911** and explain the type of emergency, the exact location, condition and number of victims. They will also need your name and telephone number.
- Let the dispatcher know of any safety hazards – chemical spill, fire, fumes, etc.
- Do not hang up unless told to do so by the dispatcher.
- Render first-aid or CPR only if you have been trained.
- Do not leave the injured person except to summon help.
- Comfort the victim until emergency medical services arrive.
- Have someone stand outside the building to flag down the ambulance and the NDSCS Police when they reach the vicinity.

FIRE

- Activate the fire alarm system by pulling a fire alarm station on your way out of the building.
- If time permits, stabilize lab procedures, turn off stoves and ovens, and unplug or disable any device that could make a dangerous situation even worse.

- Leave the building via the nearest and safest exit. Warn others as you leave.
- Do not use elevators.
- Feel doors before opening; if door is hot do not open it.
- Close doors and windows when you leave if safe to do so.
- Report the fire to 911 once outside.
- If trapped, keep the doors closed and place clothes or towels under the door to keep the smoke out. Signal for help by hanging an object out of the window.
- Remain at least 100 feet from outside of the building and await further instructions. Keep roadways open and beware of approaching emergency vehicles. Notify emergency responders of anyone trapped, especially anyone with a physical disability who cannot evacuate.
- Do not go back in the building for any reason until an authorized university official deems it safe to re-enter.

EVACUATING INDIVIDUALS REQUIRING ASSISTANCE

If you need assistance evacuating in an emergency, please contact the Student Accessibility Coordinator to review plan options at 701-671-2623 to discuss available options.

- Self-Identification: Consider whether you want to identify yourself as someone who may need assistance during an evacuation. Remember, many individuals who need support may not have visible disabilities.
- Clear Communication: Be prepared to communicate your specific needs for assistance clearly and concisely. If you find it challenging to speak, think about using a preprinted message card that you can carry with you.
- Personal Support Network: Build a personal support network of individuals who are frequently in the same area as you. Do not rely on any one person as they may not always be available. Inform those in your network of your needs and preference for assistance.

Evacuation Procedures

- Only attempt to assist someone requiring support if they are in immediate danger and cannot wait for professional help.
- Move the individual to the nearest stairwell or saferoom with the door closed, well away from hazardous areas.
- Request that others evacuating the building inform emergency responders that someone requiring assistance needs help in evacuating. Give the specific location.
- Do not use elevators unless told to do so by emergency responders.

FLOODS

Minor or area flooding on campus could occur because of a water main break, loss of power to sump pumps, or major rainstorms. NDSCS monitors the National Weather Service, and other emergency advisory systems to stay abreast of weather and will alert related conditions and instructions should they be necessary.

When encountering flooded areas, avoid walking or driving a vehicle through them.

BOMB THREAT

If you receive a bomb threat, or find a suspicious package, remain calm and:

- Obtain as much information as possible.
- Keep the bomb threat caller talking and ask as many questions of the caller as you can.
- Call **911** immediately and then the NDSCS Police at 701-671-2233 (3-2233 from Campus phones).
- Do not touch suspicious packages. Be sure to contact NDSCS Police of any suspicious packages, items, or people in the area.
- Follow instructions from first responders with regard to evacuation assembly areas.

ACTIVE AGGRESSOR

Quickly determine the best way to protect your life.

RUN - Evacuate If Possible

- Have an escape route and plan in mind.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Keep your hands visible to responding police officers.

HIDE - Hide Out

- Hide in an area out of the active aggressor's view.
- Block entry to your hiding place and lock doors.
- Silence cell phones.

FIGHT - Take Action

- As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger.
- Attempt to incapacitate the aggressor.
- Act with physical aggression. Throw items at the aggressor if possible.

Call 911 when it is safe to do so.

LOCKDOWN

An imminent threat of violence may be cause for a lockdown of all or part of campus. Most exterior doors will lock immediately. The goal is to limit exposure of students, faculty, and staff to danger by preventing dangerous persons from entering campus buildings.

If a lockdown is ordered:

- Stay Inside! Do not leave the building unless an imminently dangerous situation arises inside. If outside, seek shelter in or behind the nearest safe space.
- Take shelter in a lockable room if possible.
- Close windows, shades, and blinds, and avoid being seen from outside the room if possible.

- Monitor your devices for messages from the emergency notification system for updates and further instructions. Information on the event will be disseminated as soon as possible using these methods.
- Report any emergency or unusual condition to 911.
- Once in a secure location, do not leave until a police officer, or you receive a message from the Emergency Notification System, notifying you it is safe to leave that area.

SHELTER IN PLACE/SAFE SHELTER

Shelter-in-place is designed to keep you safe while indoors if dangerous environmental conditions exist, such as extreme weather, a hazardous materials release or external contained threat.

If a shelter-in-place is ordered:

- If outside, seek shelter in the nearest building, preferably in an interior room with few windows.
- Using extreme caution, allow access to others seeking shelter. Remember: A Shelter-In-Place order means there are dangerous environmental conditions but NOT any known threat of violent behavior. Allowing others into the building will not jeopardize your safety.
- Close all exterior doors, windows, and any other openings to the outside.
- Avoid overcrowding by selecting several rooms if necessary.
- Monitor your devices for notices from the Emergency Notification System for further instructions.
- Report any emergency or unusual condition to NDSCS Police at 3-2233 or call 911.
- Do not leave the building until receiving the “all clear” from a police officer or you receive a notification from the Emergency Notification System

WINTER STORM

The President or designee will review weather-related conditions and act with the following:

- **Closure**- means the college has closed all offices, classes, and activities. Designated Emergency Personnel will report for work. Closure will be announced over ENS (emergency notification system), designated radio, TV stations and NDSCS web and social media sites.
- **Cancellation** - means regular classes and night classes are canceled due to inclement weather conditions, however offices will be open & employees will report for work. Cancellation will be announced over ENS (emergency notification system), designated radio, TV stations and NDSCS web and social media sites.

TORNADO/SEVERE WEATHER

A “**Tornado Watch**” means that tornadoes could potentially develop. A “**Tornado Warning**” means a tornado has been sighted. If you see a tornado, report it immediately by calling 911, and seek shelter or safety:

- Monitor local TV and radio stations for severe weather updates.
- Be prepared to take shelter on the lowest level of your building or residential hall if a tornado warning is issued.
- Do not pull the fire alarm to alert others of a tornado warning.
- Stay away from windows and exterior doors.
- Move to an interior hallway for shelter.
- Monitor local tv/radio for an all-clear before returning to your work area, classroom, or living area.
- If out in the open:
 - Do not wait out the storm in a car.
 - If it is far away, move in a perpendicular path away from the tornado.
 - Lie flat in the nearest depression, ditch, or ravine if there is no time to escape.

SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE/OBJECT

If you have any reason to believe that a letter or parcel is suspicious, **DO NOT** take a chance, call NDSCS Police immediately at 3-2233.

- **DO NOT** touch, tamper, move, or open the package or object.
- Keep others out of the area. Close off the area if possible.
- If possible, limit the use of two-way radios and cell phones near the suspicious item.
- If the package is leaking a substance or powder and you came into contact with it, keep your hands away from your eyes, nose, mouth, or any part of your face. Do not touch others or let others touch you.
- Wash your hands and arms from the elbow down with soap and hot water.
- Do not attempt to clean or cover anything that might have spilled from a package.
- Follow all instructions given by emergency responders.

LARGE CHEMICAL SPILL

- Contact NDSCS Police at 3-2233 immediately.
- Do not attempt to clean up the spill.
- Remove yourself and others from the area.
- Close doors to isolate the area.
- If anyone had contact with the hazardous material, they should be isolated and await treatment by emergency responders. Do not leave the site until you are cleared by emergency responders.
- Do not pull the fire alarm unless there is a fire.
- Provide first responders with information about the spill, chemical, and the spill area.
- Evacuate the building if first responders issue the evacuation order.
- Re-enter the building only when an “all clear” is provided by responding authorities or ENS.