

CAMPUS SAFETY INFORMATION UPDATE FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2010-2011

It is important for you as a member of the University community to have some basic information on campus safety. Provided below is information as to how the University will communicate with the campus community should a critical incident occur.

The purpose of this communication is not to discuss in depth specific safety initiatives. The University Police Department, however, has distributed an Emergency Procedures Guide which provides information on how to respond to certain emergencies. If you need a copy, please contact the University Police.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

The initial point of contact for any emergency situation that you are involved in or observe is the University Police Department. The Police Department, as well as the Fire Department and emergency medical services, can be reached by calling the Saginaw County Central Dispatch at 9-911 from a campus phone or 911 from a cell phone.

The University Police Department is staffed by certified police officers. The department provides police services to the campus 7 days per week, 24 hours per day.

University Police Dispatch also operates 24 hours a day during the academic year. The office is open 7 days a week and can be reached by calling ext. 4141 from a campus phone or 964-4141 from a cell phone.

SVSU participates in a mutual aid agreement with local law enforcement agencies which serves to expedite assistance from these agencies should their services be required.

Please be aware as to the importance of understanding that it may require at least 5 to 10 minutes from the time University officials have knowledge of an incident before police or emergency personnel can respond. Therefore, you need to be prepared to take whatever actions necessary to protect not only yourself but also fellow students or co-workers until the arrival of police officers or emergency personnel.

COMMUNICATIONS

Although communication is a complex process given the size of the campus and its student and staff population, we are committed to communicating information, warnings and instructions as quickly as possible.

In case of an emergency or critical incident, the following are means by which we will communicate:

1. **CampusAlert:** Voice, text and email communications will be sent to the individual cell phones and email addresses that have been registered with the University. If you have not already done so, we recommend that you register with CampusAlert on SVSU's web site at <http://www.svsu.edu/universitypolice/emergency.html>.

In addition to the University system, Saginaw County also has an emergency notification system that allows community members to receive alerts involving threatening situations. You can sign up for this system at www.saginawcounty911.com.

2. **University Web Site:** Critical information, including instructions and important phone numbers, will be put on SVSU's web site. You can review this information at www.svsu.edu.
3. **Classroom Telephones:** Each classroom is equipped with a telephone. The University is capable of calling all classrooms to deliver emergency messages.
4. **Outdoor Emergency Sirens:** The sirens on campus are activated by Saginaw County when a tornado warning has been issued for the county. You should immediately seek shelter on the first floor of a nearby building. Signs identify the location of tornado shelter areas near first floor entrances to our buildings. Please wait until you are informed via radio, television or other legitimate information sources that the storm has passed before leaving the shelter area.
5. **Outdoor Public Address System:** The University has installed an outdoor public address system. This system is designed to project voice announcements throughout the campus. Although primarily intended to alert the campus exterior, the tones and messages are audible in many University buildings.
6. **University Web Alert Message:** If you are logged into the University network, a message will appear on your computer screen indicating the type of emergency and what action to take.

TECHNOLOGY LIMITATIONS

The various communication methods discussed above depend upon technology and/or electrical power which may not be available in certain situations. CampusAlert's effectiveness can also be impacted by the volume of cell phone traffic routed through transmission towers. It is important, therefore, that we all understand the potential need to use word of mouth to communicate information in emergency situations.

SUMMARY

The safety of our campus and its learning and work environment is a responsibility that we all share. As such, we ask that you maintain an awareness of the environment around you and to contact the University Police Department in the manner described above in any suspicious or questionable situation. If you have any concerns about campus safety issues, please do not hesitate to contact Ron Trepkowski (ext. 4285), SVSU's Chief of Police, or the Office of the Vice President for Administration & Business Affairs at ext. 4045.

SVSU has historically been a safe campus and our goal is to keep it that way. We caution, however, that no one safety measure or combination of measures can provide a guarantee of a risk-free environment.