Preparedness Bulletin
Shelter In Place

We would like to take a few moments of your time to review “sheltering in place” in the Emory community given the recent tragedy of the Boston Marathon bombings, and the “shelter in place” warning that was subsequently issued there.

Emory provides shelter in place guidance in the Emory Just in Time Emergency Campus Guide. See http://www.emergency.emory.edu.

“Shelter in place” is a generic term meaning stay in a safe place. The specific actions required of individuals to “stay in a safe place” can vary based on the nature of the emergency. So while this general guidance is offered, it will still be important for everyone to exercise the best judgment possible based on location, circumstance, and information available to you.

Severe Weather

Emory has identified areas of safe refuge for tornado protection on Emory's main campus as well as Oxford and Grady campuses. In the event of a severe weather warning, it is advisable to move to an interior room or hallway, and away from windows. The lowest level of a building is usually safest, unless flooding is evident. Severe Weather Safe Refuge placards have been posted to help identify these areas. They can also be found by following the building evacuation map or Emory's interactive map.

Outdoor Hazardous Material/Chemical Agents

In the event of a chemical accident that may be occurring outdoors, remain inside and move to the highest level of the building. Close all doors and windows. Avoid using the elevator.
Campus Violence or Ongoing Police Action

It is recommended that you move to a safe area that can be secured or evacuate from the building/area immediately. Personal judgment will be needed to determine which option is most prudent for each situation.

- Lock and barricade doors.
- Turn off lights.
- Close blinds or shades.
- Silence cell phones.
- Keep occupants calm, quiet, and out of sight.
- Keep yourself out of sight, and take adequate cover (i.e., concrete walls, thick desks, filing cabinets).

Please also review the “Run, Hide, Fight” guidance previously provided.

Stay Tuned for More Information

- While sheltering in place you can stay informed by checking text message updates, Emory email, tuning to your local television or radio, or by visiting the Emory website.

How will I know the situation has been resolved?

- Emory will use components of the Emergency Notification System to inform the community when the situation has been resolved.

For more information please point your browser to http://www.emergency.emory.edu and visit the CEPAR website for additional information. There you will find a personal preparedness checklist, how to sign up for our Twitter feed, and the "Just In Time" Emergency Guide.

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