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PROCEDURES



- 1. Dial 911 or x2911 (956-326-2911) for University Police, to report fire location and extent.
- 2. Activate fire alarm to alert building occupants.
- 3. Evacuate the building, using nearest available exit.*
- 4. Head to your building's designated emergency assembly area
- 5. Do not re-enter building until given "all clear" by University Police.

*If unable to evacuate due to a disability or mobility impairment, assemble in your closest enclosed stairwell with a buddy and call **911** to report your location.



If anyone brings a weapon into a campus building and begins using it maliciously, dial **911**, or **x2911** (**956-326-2911**) for University Police. Stay on the phone with the dispatcher if possible, and remember:

1. RUN

- a. Leave the area immediately.
- b. Run in the opposite direction of the disturbance or gunshots.
- c. DO NOT stop running until you are in a safe area.

2. HIDE

- a. Remain quiet.
- b. Lock your door and barricade the entrance using furniture and other items.
- c. Turn off all lights and call 911 or x2911 (956-326-2911) for University Police.

3. FIGHT

- a. Prepare to defend yourself and others.
- b. Fight only as a last resort.
- c. Improvise weapons with the intent of distracting and disrupting the shooter.

4. COMPLY

- a. When law enforcement arrives:
 - i. Remain calm and follow instructions
 - ii. Drop any items in your hands.
 - iii. Raise your hands and keep them visible at all times.
 - iv. Do not yell, scream, or point.



- 1. Check for safe conditions in area and assess victim.
- 2. Dial **911** or **x2911** (**956-326-2911**) for University Police. Provide essential information and follow Dispatcher's instructions and remain on the line.
- 3. While waiting, render whatever aid you can to the victim and send someone to meet emergency personnel.



- 1. Make sure the scene is safe.
- 2. Dial **911** or **x2911** (**956-326-2911**) for University Police and report location of spill. University PD will contact Physical Plant and Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S).
- 3. If possible, alert others of spill and stay clear of area.
- 4. Do NOT attempt to clean spill if dealing with unknown substance.



If severe weather (lightning, tornado, hurricane, windstorm) is reported or seen in area:

- 1. Seek shelter immediately, preferably away from windows. A middle hallway/corridor is best.
- 2. Listen for emergency info through TAMIU's mass notification system, **DustyALRT**.
- 3. Seek shelter until hazard has passed.
- 4. If trapped, dial **911**, or **x2911** (**956-326-2911**) for University PD.



If you believe someone may be missing, dial **911** or **x2911** (**956-326-2911**) for University Police. Stay on the line with Dispatchers if possible.



If you encounter wildlife on campus:

- 1. Stay away (animals are not domesticated)
- 2. Do not feed animals

If you encounter an injured/abandoned animal, do not approach, or touch it. Please report snakes to Physical Plant by dialing **x2325** (**956-326-2325**).



Report any issues related to water, electricity, natural gas, elevator impairments to TAMIU's Physical Plant by dialing x2325 (956-326-2325) or UPD by dialing x2100 or 956-326-2100.

DEFINITIONS

- **Emergency Assembly Area** A safer area outside of and sufficiently away from a nearby building, serving as a centralized location in which occupants should assemble for their safety. These are typically grouped with other buildings such that occupants from multiple locations can assemble in one area as a group.
- Fire Alarm Pull Stations Devices installed near exit doors and the ends of hallway corridors used to
 active the building's fire alarm.

Note: Activation of the fire alarm does not active a building's sprinkler system.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency Services: 911

TAMIU Offices			
University Police	956-326-2911 (emergency)	Office of Student	956-326-2273
Department	956-326-2100 (non-emergency)	Success	900-320-2213
Physical Plant	956-326-2325	Human Resources	956-326-2365
Environmental Health	956-326-2194	Student Health Services	956-326-2235
& Safety	950-520-2194	Student Lealth Services	300-320-2230

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION METHODS

TAMIU may use one or more of the following methods to deliver emergency notifications:











FIRE & LIFE SAFETY REGULATIONS

The following fire safety regulations are in affect at TAMIU in accordance with local, state, and federal fire safety regulations and applicable A&M System policies.

The following items are prohibited in campus buildings:

- Heat-generating appliances (e.g., space heaters, heating lamps)
 - Exception: Heating plates used in lab settings
- Candles or other open flames
 - Exception: Bunsen burners used in lab settings
- Flammable liquids (e.g., gasoline, diesel fuel, propane, butane)
 - Exception: Related items stored in original container and in appropriate storage cabinet in lab settings
- Extension cords used for permanent applications (i.e., other than temporary use >8 hours)
- Electrical cord daisy-chaining (includes power strips)
- Indoor charging of electronic recreational scooters, bicycles, or other related items

The following must always remain accessible and/or unobstructed:

- Fire extinguishers
- Fire alarm pull stations
- Electrical panels
- Emergency notification devices
- Smoke detectors
- EXIT signs
- Emergency lights
- Fire hydrants
- Fire suppression sprinklers
 - Minimum of 18" clearance from ceiling to any object below
- Hallways
- Stairwells (including under/behind stairwells)
- Self-closing fire doors

Please also keep in mind the following:

- Keep clutter to a minimum (including artificial vegetation).
- Avoid hanging items from sprinkler heads or other fire protection/detection equipment.
- No smoking in any campus building
- No departmental storage in mechanical rooms
- Compressed gas cylinders must be properly secured at all times
- Connect large appliances directly to the wall (i.e., avoid using power strip(s))
- Do not tamper with any fire protection/detection devices (e.g., smoke detectors)



EVACUATION ASSEMBLY AREAS

