

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Emergencies may threaten the university's activities and the safety of its employees and students. While the university cannot avoid all risks associated with disasters and major emergencies, it has plans and procedures in place to minimize the adverse impact of these risks.

Self-reliance is the most important part of preparing for any emergency. In a catastrophic event, the disruption of services will be so significant that support from the university and from external agencies will be very limited. Emergency Management BC advises individuals and families to be prepared to be self-reliant for at least 72 hours; one week is better.

People with disabilities may be faced with added challenges during an emergency.

The following checklist is provided to assist you in responding more effectively during an emergency:

Before an emergency

- ✓ Read the UVic Emergency Procedures poster or check the emergency planning website at <http://www.uvic.ca/services/emergency/home/procedures/index.php>
- ✓ Visit <http://www.uvic.ca/alerts> to learn how to receive emergency messages; enter your mobile phone number into your personal profile in Banner if you wish to receive emergency text messages on your mobile phone. You can also receive emergency notifications via Twitter [@uvicemerg](https://twitter.com/uvicemerg)
- ✓ In case of a major earthquake, review the [campus evacuation procedures](#) to identify the campus assembly area, safe routes and holding areas. Preplan how you will respond.
- ✓ Advise your instructors or supervisor if you are going to need help during an emergency
- ✓ Make your environment as safe as possible
- ✓ Learn alternate routes for evacuation for each of the buildings you use
- ✓ Locate areas of refuge or safe areas (e.g. stairwells)
- ✓ Consider the impact of various emergencies on you and plan what you would do
- ✓ Work with a friend to see if your plan is viable

During an emergency

- ✓ Ask for assistance if you feel you need it
- ✓ Describe your limitations to assist those helping you
- ✓ Phone Campus Security if you need assistance at 250-721-7599
- ✓ During a campus evacuation, if you are unable to reach the campus assembly area (UVic playing fields) or one of the holding areas, ask someone to inform an emergency responder of your location.

For more information on emergency planning at UVic visit

<http://www.uvic.ca/services/emergency/>



Just in case.