# **EMERGENCY**



# RESPONSE GUIDE









**PROTECT** 

**LOCKDOWN** 

**EVACUATE** 

**SHELTER** 





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# **ABOUT THE GUIDE**

This Emergency Response Guide (ERG) is designed to help Greene County employees respond effectively and safely during various emergency situations. From natural disasters to workplace accidents, this guide provides clear instructions and practical tips to ensure your safety and the safety of those around you. With easy-to-follow steps and essential contact information, this guide is an indispensable resource for every employee, helping you stay prepared and confident in any emergency.





PROTECT is the protocol used to safeguard people and county assets within a building.



**EVACUATE** is used to move people from one location to a different location out of a building.



LOCKDOWN is the protocol used to secure individual rooms or buildings and keep occupants quiet.



SHELTER is going to a place that affords cover and protection for occupants of a room or building.

# **CAMPUS SECURITY**

(417) 829-6282

**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** 

(417) 869-6040

# **HUMAN RESOURCES**

(417) 868-4896

Elected Officials and/or Department Heads should complete the blank sections on pages 3 and 5. It is advised that departments or offices conduct training on this guide whenever there is a change in staff or at least twice a year.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES FOR GREENE COUNTY

LAW ENFORCEMENT (emergency)
Greene County Sheriff's Office (417) 868-4040
Springfield Police Department (417) 864-1810
FIRE DEPARTMENT (emergency)
Springfield Fire Department
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (emergency)
Mercy Ambulance (non-emergency) (417) 820-3003
CoxHealth Ambulance (non-emergency) (417) 269-3002
ANIMAL CONTROL (emergency)
Springfield-Greene County Animal Control (417) 833-3592
HOSPITALS (non-emergency)
Mercy Hospital - Springfield (417) 820-2000
CoxHealth - North
CoxHealth - South

#### **GREENE COUNTY**

Office of Emergency Management
Campus Security 6282 or ***
Crime Tip Hotline6230
Human Resources4116
Building Operations 6167
IS / IT Help Desk
SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT(417) 864-1658
911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (417) 862-7911
NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE988
WINTER WEATHER OPEN/CLOSED STATUS(417) 868-4000
AMERICAN RED CROSS (SW Missouri)(417) 832-9500
POISON CONTROL CENTER(800) 222-1222
CITY UTILITIES(417) 863-9000

GREENE COUNTY EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

#### **INJURED AT WORK?**

### Follow these steps:

- Immediately tell your supervisor you have been injured and call 911, if warranted.
- Call the Stubbe triage line at (855) 550-4636 with your manager.
- Follow the treatment recommendations provided by the triage line.
- Fill out the Greene County Accident Report with your supervisor.
  - The form is located on the Greene County intranet.

Greene County policy number: MEM3002001

Greene County / The Triage line must direct ALL care.

# **Questions?**

Contact Kami Johnson in Human Resources (417) 868-4896 kljohnson@greenecountymo.gov







## **HOSTILE / DISTRAUGHT PERSON (unarmed)**

If you witness violent behavior towards a county employee or between visitors:

- Call 911 or Campus Security at ext. 6282 or \* \* \*.
- Do NOT attempt to intervene.
- Get a description of the individual(s) and relay it to the responding personnel.
- Let the dispatcher know if there are weapons involved.
- Report status to your supervisor and all responding personnel.





#### FIRE / EXPLOSION

## If you discover a fire . . .

- Call 911 or Campus Security at ext. 6282 or \* \* \*.
- Use a fire extinguisher ONLY if you are trained to do so.
  - Once the fire extinguisher is empty, evacuate the building.
  - O DO NOT try to be the hero! Exiting the building is ALWAYS the best option!
- \*Evacuate employees and visitors to the nearest fire exit.
- Activate the alarm system if the building is equipped with one.
- Meet at the department's designated gathering place.
  - Our department's designated gathering place is \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- Account for employees on duty at the time.
- Remain a safe distance from the building.
  - O Minimum of 1.5 times the height of the building.
  - Make way for arrival of emergency apparatus.
- Follow instructions from emergency personnel.

\*Refer to EVACUATION page

#### **FLOODING**

## When heavy rains/flooding occurs...

- Stay calm, speak with a supervisor, and begin to secure the area to limit damage to property and/or materials.
- Survey the area and report any safety concerns.
  - O Downed trees, poles, electric lines, etc.
- Inform employees and encourage visitors to remain inside or, if outdoors, to go inside to a safer location.
- If visitors request to leave the area, inform them of a safe route out of the building and off Greene County property.
- Refer to Utility Failure plan if water is leaking into the building.
- Call Campus Security at ext. 6282 or \* \* \*.





#### **EVACUATION**

If you witness an act/incident or are notified by an announcement, immediately and safely walk out of the impacted area to your department's safe location at \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- When notified, remain calm, your department leadership will work to establish the evacuation path for your location.
- Secure your area, inform other employees/visitors of the evacuation, and escort those around you to the identified area.
- Account for the employees/visitors with you at the safe location.
- Await further instructions and report the number of employees/visitors in your area, including any illnesses or injuries to Campus Security at ext. 6282 or \* \* \*.
- Campus Security and/or emergency personnel will advise you on the next course of action.

#### **EARTHQUAKE**

There is no advanced warning for an earthquake. Employees should familiarize themselves with the following procedures in the event an earthquake does occur.

- DROP, COVER, HOLD ON!
  - O DROP ... where you are, onto your hands and knees.
  - O COVER... your head and neck with one arm and hand.
  - O HOLD ON . . . until the shaking stops.
- If INSIDE, remain indoors. Take cover under sturdy furniture such as a desk.
  - O Move away from glass and towards an interior wall.
  - O Clasp your hands behind your neck and get in a crouched position.
- If OUTSIDE, do NOT run or get near buildings or electrical lines.
- After the shaking is over . . .
  - O Check for injured employees and visitors.
  - O Do NOT attempt to move anyone with injuries.
  - O Call 911 or Campus Security at ext. 6282 or \* \* \*.

#### **SEVERE WEATHER**

- Take shelter in pre-determined locations, if warranted.
  - O Use small interior rooms or hallways on the lowest level.
  - O Stay AWAY from windows and doors.
- Ensure accountability
  - O Develop an emergency plan.
  - O Account for everyone on your staff.
- Disaster supplies
  - O Keep first aid kits, food, water, and other essential items in all shelters.
- Train staff
  - O Ensure everyone knows what to do during an emergency.
  - o Regularly PRACTICE sheltering exercises.
- TORNADO WATCH
  - O A tornado watch is issued when a tornado is possible.
  - Know your safe place.
  - O Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued.
- TORNADO WARNING
  - O A tornado warning is issued when a tornado is happening or about to happen.
  - o Immediately seek shelter in your safe place.

#### **ARMED ROBBERY**

#### If you find yourself confronted by an armed robber ...

- Try to stay calm and do NOT PANIC.
- Activate the PANIC ALARM if the area is equipped with one.
- Respond immediately to instructions/commands given by the robber.
- Do NOT move without specific instructions to do so.
- Do NOT speak unless ordered to do so.
- Expect strong, loud, and threatening language.
- Do NOT resist and give the robber what they are asking for.
- If the robber leaves, call 911 or Campus Security at ext. 6282 or \* \* \*.
- Report any injuries.

#### Try to focus on how the robber looks.

- Male or female
- Height
- Weight
- Hair color
- Eye color
- What was the robber wearing?
- Direction of travel when they left.
- Type of weapon (gun, knife, other, etc.) and did they show the weapon?
- Distinguishing marks such as scars, tattoos, jewelry, etc.



#### **TELEPHONE THREAT / BOMB THREAT / SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE**

Employees should report any telephone threats immediately by calling 911 or Campus Security at ext. 6282 or \* \* \*.

In case of threats, employees should try to obtain as much information as possible.

- Time of threat
- Location
- Identification of the caller
- Type of threat
- Number being used to make the threat (if available on Caller ID)
- Any background noises
- Male or female voice
- Length of call
- Description of caller's voice

#### If the call is a bomb threat, try to obtain information such as:

- When is the bomb going to explode?
- What kind of bomb is it?
- What will cause it to explode?
- Where is the bomb located?
- Did the caller place the bomb?
- What does the bomb look like?





#### **TELEPHONE THREAT / BOMB THREAT / SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE**

(continued)

Employees should report any bomb threats or suspicious packages immediately by calling 911 or Campus Security at ext. 6282 or \* \* \*.

#### If a device/package is found:

- Do NOT touch the suspected device.
- MOVE yourself and others to a safe location.
  - NOT in the direct line of sight.
  - AWAY from glass and parked cars.
  - O AWAY from secondary hazards (electricity, gas, etc.)
- Do NOT use a portable radio or cellular phone.

#### Do NOT open a suspicious letter/package. Look for the following:

- Misspelled words.
- Oily stains.
- Addressed to a position title only.
- Excessive tape or string used to seal or wrap the letter/package.
- Lack of return address.
- Ticking sounds.
- Protruding wires.
- Strange odor.
- Lopsided or bulky.

#### Do NOT shake the letter/package.

If the threat is directed at the building you are in, follow the EVACUATION PLAN.

# NEED

#### **UTILITY FAILURE**

When you witness a utility failure (power, water, sewer, etc.), contact the department director to report the outage.

- Report the situation to Campus Security at ext. 6282 or \* \* \* .
- Provide the number of people at your specific location.
- Explain what is going on.
  - O No power, water failure, busted lines, arcing/sparking, sewer water or smell, etc.
- What you SHOULD do:
  - o Ensure major electrical equipment is shut off to prevent surges.
  - O If water or sewage, ensure power cords are not on the ground.
    - Pick up cords if NOT wet.
- Wait for maintenance personnel and report exact failures to help isolate issues/concerns.
- When/if requested to assist maintenance, do so as directed with communication to supervisors.
- Switches shall NOT be turned on until the failure has been resolved and leadership approval is received.
- Evacuate employees and visitors from occupied buildings, offices, restrooms, and other affected areas.
- NOTE: Depending on battery strength, emergency/back-up lighting units will provide exit lighting ONLY.
  - O These are **NOT** to be used as work lighting.

#### **EMPLOYEE FIRST AID & CPR**

In case of an injury or illness to an employee or guest, immediately call **911** or Campus Security at ext. **6282** or \* \* \* \* .

#### DO's

- If the patient is unconscious . . .
  - O Check to see if their airway is clear.
- If the patient has no pulse . . .
  - Start CPR
    - If not CPR trained, perform chest compressions ONLY.\*
  - Use exam gloves and one-way mask if CPR trained.
  - Do NOT touch bodily fluids without the use of exam gloves.
- If a person is in shock, keep them warm (use a blanket, etc.)
- Flush all burns and chemical injuries with clean water.
- Safety Data Sheets (SDS) should be available on-site for emergency responders.
- Check the patient's status regularly.

#### DO NOT's

- Do NOT move the patient unless absolutely necessary.
- Do NOT attempt to set fractures and breaks (simply immobilize the patient).
- Do NOT apply a tourniquet (use "direct pressure" to stop bleeding).
- Do NOT remove items embedded in the eye.
- Do NOT use burn ointments.

#### \*CPR Compressions ONLY

- Get directly over the patient.
- Place the heel of your hand in the center of the chest and put the other hand on top.
- Push hard and fast in the center of the chest until help arrives.
  - O NOTE: If done correctly, there is a possiblity of breaking the sternum. This is ok.
- Push at 100 beats per minute.
  - O TIP: Sing the song "Stayin' Alive" and keep tempo with the song.

#### **INTRUDER: RUN, HIDE, FIGHT**

If you witness any act of violence or hear gunshots, immediately call 911 or Campus Security at ext. 6282 or \* \* \*.

#### What to report

- Your specific location (building name and office).
- Number of people at your specific location.
- Injuries (number injured and type of injuries).
- Description of assailant(s).

#### You have choices of what you can do. You can RUN ...

- If there is an escape path, attempt to evacuate.
- EVACUATE whether others agree to it or not.
- Leave your belongings behind and help others escape if possible.
- Prevent others from entering the area if possible.
- If you find yourself in an open area, immediately seek protection, staying as low as possible.
- Put something between you and the aggressor.
- Call 911 when you are safe.
- When law enforcement arrives . . .
  - Keep your hands empty and above your head and listen for instructions.
  - If an officer points a firearm at you, try to remain calm.
  - O Make NO movement that may cause an officer to mistake you for the aggressor.

#### f you cannot run, you can HIDE.

- Lock and barricade doors.
- Turn lights off, close blinds/shades, and block any windows.
- Turn off radios, computer monitors, and silence phones.
- Keep staff and guests CALM, QUIET, and OUT OF SIGHT.
- Take cover/protection behind concrete walls and thick furniture.
- Lie on the floor and STAY DOWN until law enforcement or security tells you it is safe to come out.
- If an aggressor enters your workplace then leaves, lock/barricade the door behind him/her.

#### f you cannot hide, you can FIGHT.

- ONLY as a last resort and only if your life is in danger.
- Attempt to incapacitate the aggressor.
- ACT with physical aggression.
- Use improvised weapons (scissors, pens, staplers, etc.)
- COMMIT TO YOUR ACTIONS!



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