

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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1) What to Do for EARTHQUAKE, FIRE ALARM OR ACTIVE SHOOTER:

- **Earthquake:** *Duck, cover, and hold* until the shaking stops. Then head to Rally Point.
- **Fire Alarm:** *Evacuate*, whether or not there is smoke and/or fire. Head to Rally Point.
- **Active Shooter:** Call University Police at 9-1-1 or 707-826-5555. If at all possible, *GET OUT and get away. Don't linger at Rally Point.* If you cannot get out safely, HIDE OUT quietly behind closed windows and doors. Silence electronics and turn off the lights. If necessary, TAKE OUT the criminal.

2) Exits, Rally Points, and Emergency Assembly Points (EAPs):

- In each classroom or lab, identify the exit(s). Take note of alternate exits such as windows.
- Faculty and students must know how to get to the class "Rally Point" immediately outside the building. This is usually a commonly-known outdoor landmark such as a specific walkway, staircase, fountain, or planter. Gather and count heads.
- Assist those in need or disabled to safely exit the facility. Reference evacuation map, know when to avoid elevators and be aware of alternate exit routes.
- Emergency Assembly Points (EAPs) are for gathering people when buildings are not safe to occupy (e.g. following a major earthquake). Each class should head there to organize themselves. Signs at EAPs give guidance what to do. Police arrival at EAPs may be delayed.

3) Emergency Public Alert System:

- **Speakers:** *A series of speakers and strobe lights across campus will alert the campus community in case of an emergency.*

Listen to the Announcement Be Cautious Seek Information & Get to Safety

- Go to these sources of information when you hear an alert signal, receive a text or see emergency signage:
 - www.humboldt.edu/emergency
 - **826-INFO (826-4636)** recorded campus conditions line will take multiple simultaneous calls
 - **KHSU 90.5 FM** will broadcast regular updates as information becomes available
- Emergency Signage: COLOR CODED SIGNS WILL BE PUT OUT WITH CAMPUS STATUS
 - **Red:** Campus (or area) CLOSED to all but essential and/or emergency personnel;
 - **Yellow:** Campus classes & activities CANCELLED by President, but campus is open
 - **Green:** Campus OPEN and situation back to normal (posted only after Red or Yellow)
 - **Orange:** Safety ADVISORY to community (e.g., tsunami warning, wildfire risk, etc)
- Emergency Text Message Alert: A brief text message on changing campus conditions can be sent to all students, faculty, and staff who provide their personal cell number on myHumboldt. This message will be sent as soon as the information is confirmed and our technology can send it.
 - Students should enter this information in the Personal Info pagelet on their myHumboldt homepage.
 - Staff and faculty should enter their information on the Contacts tab of the My Profile pagelet.
 - Call Help Desk at 826-HELP (826-4357) if you need assistance.

4) Power Outage Procedures:

- Do not call UPD or Facilities Management to inquire about the power outage, especially in the first 20 minutes. No information will be available at this time. It usually takes 20 - 40 minutes to obtain accurate and reliable information from PG&E. During this time, students are encouraged to call their friends to determine the scope of the power outage. Employees should activate their department emergency contact phone trees to share information.
- When electrical power is first interrupted, course instructors are responsible for deciding (on a class-by-class basis) if class should continue, be relocated, or be canceled. Faculty who dismiss their classes should report their action to the department chair who should notify their respective deans.

Be Informed and Be Prepared:

- The North Coast is prone to earthquakes, severe weather, road slides, and utility interruptions. In case of severe emergency, every person should be prepared to sustain themselves with food, water and shelter. Emergency response or support could take 3-5 days or longer to arrive.
- Every student, faculty and staff should/must store sealed bottled water, non-perishable food, flashlight, and a battery-operated radio.
- Interested students/faculty may seek specialized training from the American Red Cross and/or by applying to Humboldt's Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT). Learn more about CERT by visiting the webpage: <https://risksafety.humboldt.edu/cert>

Learn our North Coast Safety Risks:

- **River safety:** Our local rivers are beautiful, swift, cold and life-threatening to swimmers, fishermen, and boaters. Pay attention to currents, waves, rocks and "sweepers" - branches that can hold you under a river's powerfully flowing waters. Take river safety training, study the river with an experienced person or guide, wear a life vest, and stay sober at the river. Before visiting rivers, look for water release notices on the news.
- **Coastal safety:** Always keep an eye on the ocean and especially for "sneaker" waves that may be 2-3 times larger than the surf pattern. Sneaker waves pull victims out to sea every year. Hypothermia and powerful currents are deadly threats. If the water draws down low or you hear a loud roar, head to higher ground immediately as a very large wave or a tsunami from a distant earthquake may be approaching. Before you go on a beach hike, carefully check the tide predictions online.
- **Earthquake:** Duck, Cover, and Hold On during strong shaking.
- **Tsunami:** If you are at the beach and feel strong earth shaking, head to higher ground immediately. If you hear that a Tsunami Watch/Warning is in effect, evacuate ONLY if you are in a coastal zone (the HSU main campus is not in a coastal zone). If you are at the beach and you see the sea rapidly recede and draw back from the waterline, head inland and to higher ground; there may be a tsunami wave coming from a distant earthquake.
- **Wild animals:** Report sightings of large wild animals including bears and mountain lions. Use the "buddy system" so that you are never alone. If you encounter a lion or bear, do not approach animals; give them a way out. DON'T CROUCH OR RUN. You should retreat slowly, maintain eye contact, speak loudly, and act without fear while giving the animal a wide berth. Do all you can to appear larger: stand alongside your buddy, raise your arms, open your coat, hold up your bike, etc. Never feed, touch, or try to pick up wild animals as many mammals (bats, skunks, foxes, raccoons, feral cats) in this area may carry rabies.