HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



1) What to Do for EARTHQUAKE. FIRE ALARM OR ATTACK

- Earthquake: Drop, 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.
- ▶ Gunshots/Criminal Activity: Call University Police @ 9-1-1 or 826-5023.
 If at all possible, GET OUT and get away. Don't linger at Rally Point. If you can't get out, lock/barricade the door and HIDE OUT quietly. If trapped by a shooter entering your hiding place, work as a team to TAKE OUT the intruder by force.

2) Exits, Rally Points, and Emergency Assembly Points (EAP s):

- 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 our buildings aren't safe to occupy (e.g. a following a major earthquake). Each class should head there to organize themselves. Signs at EAPs give guidance what to do. Police arrival at EAPs will be delayed.

3) Campus Emergency Alert System (for ANY emergency):

Universal Alert Signal: High - Low Electronic Tones

Listen to the Announcement Be Cautious

Seek Information & Make Appropriate Decision

- Go to these sources for information when you hear an alert signal, receive a cell-phone text or see emergency signage.
 - www.humboldt.edu/emergency
 - 826-INFO (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 MAY. BE PUT OUT WITH CAMPUS STATUS.
 - Red: Campus (or area) CLOSED to all but essential/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 Cell/Text Message Alert: A brief text message about the emergency can be sent to all students, faculty, and staff who provide HSU with their personal cell phone number via the HSU Account Center. (Quick Links on HSU Homepage or call Help Desk at 4357 if you need assistance.) This message will be sent as soon as the information is confirmed and our technology can send it.

4) Power Outage Procedures:

- When electrical power is first interrupted, individual faculty members, with consultation with their department chairs, are responsible for deciding on a class-by-class basis, if the class should continue, be relocated, or be canceled.
- If the power outage <u>appears likely to continue</u> for several hours or longer, campuswide <u>information</u> <u>about continuing/suspending classes will be disseminated</u> from the President or Vice President through deans, departments, and chairs.

5) Students Must Get Themselves Informed and 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 <u>specialized training</u> from the American Red Cross and/or by applying to Humboldt's Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT).
- Watch real-life earthquake videos, explore links to CERT, to Humboldt County Red Cross, and print out supply lists from the State's "Be Prepared" campaign by going to HSU's "Emergency Operations" website page off the HSU homepage, also found at: http://www.humboldt.edu/emergencymgmtprogram/

ADDITIONAL HAZARD INFORMATION:

Learn our North Coast Safety Risks:

- <u>River safety:</u> 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.
- 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 schedule using a tide table from a local shop, so that high tides don't trap you in a cove.
- Earthquake: duck, cover, and hold on during strong shaking. Then, evacuate.
- <u>Tsunami</u>: 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 <u>not</u> 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.