

## **University Preparedness, Homeland Security and YOU!**

### **Level 1 Local Incident, Blue, Green and Yellow Alerts.**

Maintain day to day operations. Know who to call for assistance in dealing with minor disruptions of services and operations.

Prepare 72 hour kits, support emergency responders (don't park on red curbs or block hydrants or extinguishers), update your emergency skills, keep evacuation routes open, practice emergency evacuation.

### **Level 2 Emergency Events, Orange and Red Alerts.**

Listen to credible information sources for updates (Public Radio). Report suspicious activities to police. Keep sensitive data, equipment, and locations secured. Avoid areas where emergency response is in progress. If not directly impacted, continue operations as best as you can.

### **Level 3 Declared Disasters and Red Alerts specific to Utah.**

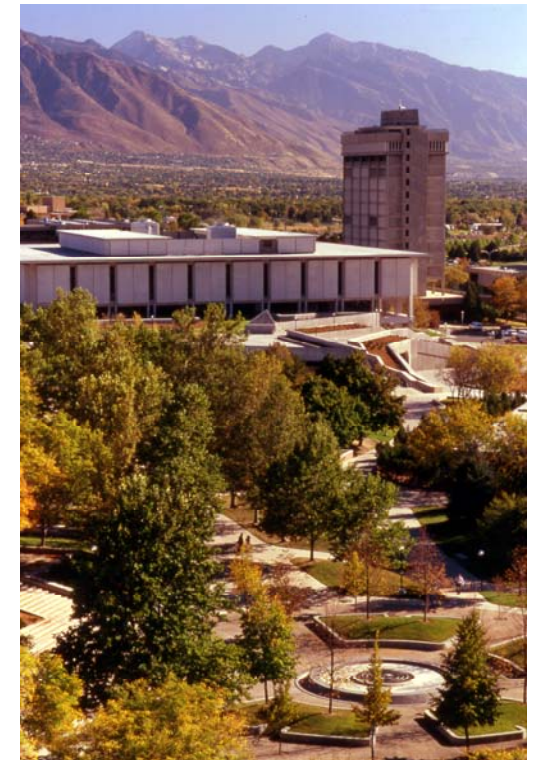
Take decisive actions to protect yourself and others. Avoid obviously hazardous locations. Assist others to safety. Listen to credible information sources for updates (Public Radio).

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## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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# MANAGING OUT OF COURSE EVENTS AT THE U.

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The University has had a plan for responding to emergencies and disasters since the late 1970's, but it was the 2002 Winter Olympics in Utah that brought that plan into the light of day.

One of the U's responsibilities as a Venue Community was to make public its disaster plan. The result of that obligation was a public information campaign that started with a complete plan re-write. It culminated with a "language" that made it much easier to communicate roles and responsibilities, performance expectations and goals and objectives not only amongst campus responders, but within the greater University Community as well.

In addition and during roughly that time period, the Federal Government released it's own version of a system for communicating terrorism alerts. The Homeland Security Color Coded Alert System has been incorporated into the University's system since that time.

**801-585-2677**

Emergency Dispatch  
24 Hours a day

## EMERGENCY LEVELS

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Campus emergency planners adopted a ranking system that classifies University emergencies according to their severity and potential impact.. Each level is characterized by unique challenges and requires a different response action as well as presents different demands on responders and decision-makers.

### Level 1 Local Incident

A minor, localized department or building incident that is quickly resolved with internal resources or limited outside help. A level 1 emergency has little or no impact on personnel or normal operations outside the locally affected area.

Level 1 incidents do not require activation of the University Emergency Plan. Impacted personnel or departments coordinate directly with Police, EHS or Plant Operations to resolve Level 1 conditions. In some incidents, University Communications will be asked to activate public information systems to provide necessary bulletins. Examples: odor complaint, local chemical spill, plumbing failure or water leak, network disruption, student injury, etc.

Homeland Security: Blue, Green and Yellow alerts shall be managed in the same manner as a Level 1 event.

### Level 2 Emergency Event

An incident that disrupts sizable portion(s) of the campus. Level 2 emergencies may require assistance from external organizations. These events may escalate quickly and have serious consequences for mission-critical functions or threaten life safety.

A Situation Triage and Assessment Team (STAT), made up of the directors of responding units (police, EHS, Plant Operations) evaluates the scope of the incident, coordinates essential services, provides emergency information and advises central administration of response efforts and potential impacts.

Homeland Security: Orange and Red alerts shall be managed in the same manner as a Level 2 event with University Police assuming the lead.

### Level 3 Declared Disaster

A disaster involving the entire campus and surrounding community. University operations are suspended. The effects of the emergency are wide-ranging and complex. A timely resolution of disaster conditions requires University-wide cooperation and extensive coordination internally and, possibly, with external jurisdictions.

The University will activate a Command Center from which all response actions will be directed.

Homeland Security: Red alerts that are specific to Utah, the Wasatch Front, Salt Lake City and/or the University of Utah may warrant a declaration and campus closure and will be managed as any other Level 3 event would be.