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Make a Go Bag

Everyone should pack a Go Bag (a collection of items you need if there is an evacuation). Your Go Bag should be easily accessible if you have to leave in a hurry.

- Non-perishable food (dried food, energy bars, etc.); bottles of water
- Flashlight with batteries; battery-operated or crank radio
- Alternate power source to charge your cell phone (emergency phone bank, portable charger)
- Duct tape
- Maps (campus, City of Berkeley)
- First aid kit and extra medications
- Photo ID (copy of driver's license, passport, Cal1 Card)
- Copy of important records (birth certificate, lease, etc.)
- Clothes and sturdy shoes
- Personal items and toiletries (eyeglasses, toothbrush, etc.)
- Cash in small bills (ATMs may not work after a disaster)
- List of emergency phone numbers

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Make a Plan

- Identify an out-of-area friend or relative to call after an emergency
- Choose a meeting place near your residence, and one away from campus, in case you are separated from your friends or roommates
- Plan ahead for your pet's needs

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Be Ready

- Sign up for [WarnMe](#) text alerts
- Add UCPD ([510-642-3333](#)) as a contact in your phone and name it "Berkeley Emergency"
- Learn CPR and First Aid
- Contact the [Office of Emergency Management](#) for more preparedness tips

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KALX 90.7 FM	KALX 90.7
KALX 90.7 FM	Website URL: kalx.berkeley.edu
KCBS 740 AM	KCBS 740AM
KCBS 740 AM	Website URL: sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/station/kcbs/
KGO 810 AM	KGO 810AM
KGO 810 AM	Website URL: kgoradio.com
Office of Emergency Management	Phone: 510-642-3073
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WarnMe

WarnMe is UC Berkeley's mass notification system. During an emergency, text alerts are the fastest way to get notified.

To sign up:

1. Go to warnme.berkeley.edu
2. Click the "Students" button and enter your CalNet ID
3. In Bear Facts, click "Personal" in the menu bar and then "WarnMe Contacts"
4. Add your phone number to the Text Message/SMS line and select "1" as your priority
5. Click the "Submit Information" button at the bottom of the page

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Emergency Sirens

The campus emergency sirens are used to alert you to shelter indoors. They are tested at noon on the first Wednesday of each month. At ALL other times, when you hear the sirens:

- [Shelter-in-Place](#) (stay or go inside, shut doors and windows)
- Visit berkeley.edu, listen to [KALX 90.7 FM](#), or call [800-705-9998](tel:800-705-9998) for updates

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BearWalk (Dusk - 4:00 AM)

Use this free year-round service to request a UCPD Community Service Officer (CSO) to meet and walk you to locations within [service boundaries](#).

Call [510-642-9255](tel:510-642-9255) or [click here](#).

- Make request no more than 15 minutes before pickup time
- Last call for a walking escort is 3:30 AM

CSOs wear gold shirts and blue or gold jackets that have "CSO" on the back, the CSO seal on the left front, or a UCPD patch. If offered an escort by someone not matching this description, contact UCPD ([510-642-3333](tel:510-642-3333)).

For more information, visit [BearWalk FAQs](#).

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Night Safety Shuttle (7:30 PM – 4:00 AM)

The shuttle provides free nighttime transit to and from the campus. [View real-time arrivals](#) after 7:30 PM.

Shuttle Routes:

- [North Side Shuttle Map](#) and [Schedule](#)
- [South Side Shuttle Map](#) and [Schedule](#)

Bicyclists or Disabled Individuals:

Notify a driver at the shuttle stop and transport will arrive within 20 minutes.

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Door-to-Door Service (4:00 AM – 5:30 AM)

This free "door-to-door" service will send a shuttle to you within the [pickup area](#), and will drop you within the [drop off boundaries](#).

[Click here](#) to book a shuttle, or call [510-642-9255](tel:510-642-9255).

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PartySafe@Cal

[PartySafe@Cal](#) aims to increase awareness about alcohol-related risks.

Signs of Alcohol Poisoning

- Cold, clammy skin
- Unconsciousness
- Slowed or irregular breathing
- Vomiting, particularly while passed out

Immediately seek medical help if you notice any of the above signs. Call [911](tel:911) ([510-642-3333](tel:510-642-3333) via cell).

Helping an Intoxicated Person

- Stay with person; don't leave them to "sleep it off"
- Have them rest on their side to prevent choking on vomit
- No food, drink, or drugs if they've vomited in the last 2 hours
- Keep them still to avoid injury
- Do not let them drive or leave them alone

- If injured, violent, or unruly call [911](tel:911) ([510-642-3333](tel:510-642-3333) via cell)

[Click here](#) for more tips.

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Contacts for Night Safety

Bearwalk	Phone: 510-642-9255
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Helping a Sick or Injured Person

If you see a person who needs immediate medical care:

- Call [911 \(510-642-3333\)](#) via cell)
- Only provide first aid or CPR if trained, or if guided by emergency personnel
- Only move an unconscious person if they are in immediate danger
- Remain with the person until help arrives
- If the person is unconscious and not breathing, locate an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), turn it on, and follow the instructions

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Medical Care

For urgent care Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM (Saturdays 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM in the academic year):

- Go to the [Urgent Care at the Tang Center](#)

For after hours urgent care:

- Call the After Hours Line ([510-643-7197](#))
- Student Health Insurance Plan members can call the Aetna 24/7 nurse line ([800-681-4065](#))
- Find a [local Urgent Care Center](#) with extended hours
- Go to the local emergency room: Alta Bates Hospital (2450 Ashby Ave)
 - Emergency room visits may cost more than urgent care

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Mental Health

[Counseling and Psychological Services](#) (CPS) offers free counseling and other mental health resources to all UC Berkeley students. Counselors will see all students in crisis on the same day they arrive.

- To schedule an appointment call ([510-642-9494](#)) or visit [CPS](#)
- To drop in, go to the Tang Center, 3rd floor, Monday - Friday from 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM (wait times vary)

For urgent needs during non-business hours:

- Call the Counseling After Hours Line ([855-817-5667](#))

- Call the Suicide Prevention hotlines listed in the "contacts" section below

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First Aid and CPR Training

Get trained. First aid and CPR trainings are available.

- [Cal Recreational Sports Facility](#)
- [American Heart Association](#)

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Contacts for Medical & Mental Health

Aetna 24/7 Nurse Line	Phone: 800-681-4065
Alameda Crisis Support (24hr)	Phone: 800-309-2131
S.F. Crisis Support (24hr)	Phone: 415-781-0500
S.F. Crisis Support (Spanish)	Phone: 415-989-5212
S.F. Crisis Support TTY (24hr)	Phone: 415-781-2224
Tang Urgent Care	Phone: 510-642-3188
Tang Urgent Care	Website URL: uhs.berkeley.edu
Tang After Hours Service	Phone: 510-643-7197
Tang Counseling Services	Phone: 510-642-9494
Tang Counseling Services	Website URL: uhs.berkeley.edu/students/counseling/
Tang Counseling After Hours	Phone: 855-817-5667
Tang Social Services	Phone: 510-642-6074
Tang Social Services	Website URL: uhs.berkeley.edu/students/counseling/socialservices.shtml



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Active Shooter (Run, Hide, Fight)

If you see an armed individual on campus, immediately call [911 \(510-642-3333\)](#) via cell).

Run - Flee the area if possible:

- Escape out of the other side of the building
- Move to a secure area within the building
- Get as far away as possible

Hide - If you can't flee, find a place to hide:

- Go to the nearest room, lock and block the door, turn off the lights
- Get down or under a desk and out of the line of fire
- Stay hidden until you see a police officer; keep your hands visible and avoid pointing or yelling

Fight - As a last resort, and only if your life is in danger, defend yourself and others:

- Try to disable the shooter
- Use force

[Read more about how to respond to an Active Shooter.](#)

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Robbery and Aggressive Persons

If you are confronted by or see an aggressive person, call [911 \(510-642-3333\)](#) via cell) or use a campus emergency phone immediately.



Be aware and take precautions when you walk alone. When possible, use the [Night Safety Shuttle](#) and/or [BearWALK](#).

When walking at night:

- Carry yourself with confidence
- Avoid using headphones
- Plan your route for safety; walk on well lit streets and with friends
- If you sense danger, get away from it
- Tell a friend where you are going and when you expect to return

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Domestic Violence

If you have been physically harmed in any way, it is a crime. If you are a victim of domestic violence, the Tang Center can help you access care and make a safety plan. Contact [Social Services \(510-642-6074\)](#) or [Counseling & Psychological Services \(510-642-9494\)](#). Call UCPD to file a police

report.

[Click here](#) for more information.

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Hate Crimes

If you become a victim of or witness a [hate crime](#), report it immediately.

If the crime is in progress, call [911](#) ([510-642-3333](#) via cell). For crimes no longer in progress, call [510-642-6760](#) or [send a tip](#) to CalTip.

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You are not alone. Help is available. Visit [Survivor Support](#) for resources.

Medical Care

Your well-being is the top priority. The [Tang Center's Urgent Care Clinic \(510-642-3188\)](#) provides immediate care without an appointment. Tang does not collect physical evidence, but can arrange for you to do so at Highland Hospital.

State law requires medical providers to report suspected violent injury to the police. It is your choice to participate in any police investigation.

When Tang is closed, find support at these resources:

- Bay Area Women Against Rape ([510-845-7273](#))
- Sexual Assault Hotline at Highland Hospital ([510-534-9291](#))
- Highland Emergency Room ([510-437-4559](#))
- Tang After Hours Assistance ([510-643-7197](#))

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Emotional Support

Sexual violence includes assault, domestic violence, and stalking. If you or someone you know have experienced sexual violence, there are campus professionals who offer compassionate, confidential support and counseling. Call [Counseling & Psychological Services \(510-642-9494\)](#) or the Counseling After Hours Line ([855-817-5667](#)).

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Academic Support

If you have experienced a traumatic incident, the campus will support a change in [academic requirements](#) even after deadlines have passed. Including:

- Dropping classes
- Changing grading to Pass/Not Pass
- Withdrawing for a semester
- Requesting Incompletes

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Reporting Sexual Violence to the Police

The police aid in criminal prosecution. Talking to the police does not mean that you agree to pursue charges.

If the incident occurred on campus, contact UCPD ([510-642-6760](#)) to report it. If the incident occurred off campus but locally, contact the Berkeley Police Department ([510-981-5900](#)). Click [here](#) for more information.

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Filing a Complaint with the University

If the person responsible for the injury is affiliated with the campus, you may file a complaint through the campus conduct process. This process is *different from legal proceedings*, and is based on allegations of conduct that violates UC Berkeley policy.

If you would like to file a complaint, [contact](#) the Office for the Prevention of Harassment and Discrimination ([510-643-7985](#)).

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Contacts for Sexual Violence

Bay Area Women Against Rape	Phone: 510-845-7273
Bay Area Women Against Rape	Website URL: bawar.org
Berkeley Police Department	Phone: 510-981-5900
Berkeley Police Department	Website URL: ci.berkeley.ca.us/police/
Communities United Against Violence	Website URL: cuav.org/resources/
Gender Equity Resource Center	Website URL: geneq.berkeley.edu/need-assistance
Highland Hospital Emergency Room	Phone: 510-437-4559
Highland Hospital - Sexual Assault Hotline	Phone: 510-534-9291
OPHD (Survivor Support)	Phone: 510-643-7985
OPHD (Survivor Support)	Website URL: survivorsupport.berkeley.edu
OPHD (Survivor Support)	Email: tixco@berkeley.edu
Tang Urgent Care	Phone: 510-642-3188
Tang Urgent Care	Website URL: uhs.berkeley.edu
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Preparing for Evacuations

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- Know [your building's](#) exit routes and stairways
- Look for Emergency Procedures signs at the exits and stairways of campus buildings, and locate your [Emergency Assembly Area](#) (EAA)
- Participate in building evacuation drills
- If you are disabled, see [Individuals with Disabilities](#) for information, and know [your building's](#) Designated Waiting Area

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When to Evacuate

- A fire alarm sounds, or an authorized person directs you to evacuate
- A notification via [WarnMe](#)
- A prolonged utility outage

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How to Evacuate

- Take your Go Bag
- Walk, do not run
- Never use elevators
- If safe, assist people who need help evacuating
- Assemble outside at your building's EAA
 - During a large-scale evacuation, your building's EAA may not be available; follow directions of emergency personnel to a safe alternate location
- Don't re-enter until allowed by emergency personnel
- Visit [berkeley.edu](#), listen to [KALX 90.7 FM](#), or call [800-705-9998](#) for updates
- Call [911](#) ([510-642-3333](#) via cell) for assistance

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Emergency Assembly Area

The Emergency Assembly Area (EAA) for a campus building is noted on the Emergency Procedures signs posted by exits and stairways. EAAs are open areas located a safe distance from a building. (EAAs should not be confused with [Designated Waiting Areas](#), which are located within buildings for those who need assistance evacuating.)

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In some cases, it may be safer to “shelter-in-place” than to evacuate. Procedures vary depending on the type of hazard. If sheltering-in-place, visit berkeley.edu, listen to [KALX 90.7 FM](#), or call [800-705-9998](tel:800-705-9998) for updates.

Wildfire

- Close all doors and windows
- Be prepared to leave at a moment's notice
- Listen and watch for air quality reports

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Airborne Chemical Hazard

- Close all doors and windows
- Move away from windows, doors, and air ducts
- Block vents and openings with tape, plastic bags, and clothing
- See [Hazardous Materials](#) for more information

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Active Shooter

- Lock and block doors
- Move away from doors and windows
- Close window shades, turn off lights, and stay low
- Call [911 \(510-642-3333\)](#) via cell)
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Contacts for Shelter-in-Place

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Planning for Emergencies

Contact the Disability Access Specialist in the [Disabled Student Program](#) (DSP) to create individualized emergency plans.

Before an emergency:

- Contact the DSP Disability Access Specialist ([510-643-6456](tel:510-643-6456))
- Know your [building's](#) exit routes, stairways, Designated Waiting Areas, [Emergency Assembly Areas](#), and elevators
- Create a list of your care needs; share it with roommates or friends
- Carry a whistle if you have difficulty speaking loudly
- If you are dependent on electric life-sustaining equipment, plan for alternate sources of power
- Review DSP's [emergency procedures](#); for an in-depth guide, watch [this video](#)

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Designated Waiting Area (DWA)

A [Designated Waiting Area](#) (DWA) is a waiting spot for those who need help evacuating a building. From a DWA, call [911](tel:911) ([510-642-3333](tel:510-642-3333) via cell) for assistance.

- If you cannot reach your DWA, find a room with an exterior window, and call [911](tel:911)
- If phones are down, signal from a window with a visible object, or use a whistle

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Building Evacuation Chair Cabinets

When you speak with the [DSP](#) Access Specialist, you can request a key to [evacuation chair cabinets in certain campus buildings](#).

- Carry the key with you at all times
- Make a plan with roommates or friends to assist you
- Review [this guide](#) on evacuation chair use

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Assisting with Evacuation

- Ask the individual if they need help, and if so, how best to assist them
- Don't use elevators
- Help the individual out of the building; if you cannot get them out, lead them to a Designated Waiting Area
- **In life-threatening situations**, assist and carry those who need to use [evacuation chairs](#); at all other times, *only trained emergency responders should carry someone*
- Call [911](tel:911) ([510-642-3333](tel:510-642-3333) via cell) for assistance

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What to Do During a Utility Outage

[Get prepared](#) before an outage. If you lose power, water, or heat:

- Turn off and unplug all electronics (when power returns, power surges can damage equipment)
- Do not use a grill or camp stove indoors (you risk carbon monoxide poisoning)
- Leave one light turned on so you'll know when the power comes back on
- Keep refrigerator doors closed (an unopened refrigerator will stay cool for 4 hours)
- If dependent on electric life-sustaining equipment, switch to an alternate power source or relocate
- Avoid downed power lines
- *Never use candles in a residence hall*
- If you are evacuated, do not re-enter until allowed by emergency personnel
- Visit berkeley.edu, listen to [KALX 90.7 FM](#), or call [800-705-9998](tel:800-705-9998) for updates

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Stopping Activities During an Outage

During an outage, your building may become unsafe, so be prepared to stop what you're doing until utilities are back on. Many life safety systems such as alarms, sprinklers, emergency lighting, and fume hoods may not work, particularly during a prolonged outage. You will be notified if classes are canceled.

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Getting Stuck in an Elevator

Elevators may not work during a power outage. If you are stuck in an elevator, call [911](tel:911) ([510-642-3333](tel:510-642-3333) via cell) for assistance.

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Office of Emergency Management	Email: oem@berkeley.edu
PG&E Outages	Website URL: pge.com/en/myhome/outages/index.page
UC Police Department	Phone: 510-642-6760
UC Police Department	Website URL: police.berkeley.edu



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During an Earthquake

The Hayward Fault runs directly under the east side of our campus. Earthquake preparedness is a necessity of being a Cal Bear.

If You Are Indoors:

- **DROP** to the floor immediately
- Take **COVER** under sturdy furniture, or near an interior wall, and protect your head
- **HOLD ON** until the shaking stops

If You Are Outdoors:

- Move away from buildings, power lines, and trees
- DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON
- If you are driving, pull over in a clear area

Other Tips:

- Stay away from windows
- Stay away from things that can fall on you
- Don't run outside, or to another location to get under a table
- Don't stand in a doorway (it's not safe for shelter)
- Don't use elevators

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After the Earthquake

- When the shaking stops, exit the building and go to an [EAA](#) or open space
- Check yourself for injuries
- Account for your friends, roommates, and classmates
- Avoid tying up phones lines for non life-threatening emergencies
 - Text messages and social media may be more reliable than a phone call
- Visit [berkeley.edu](#), listen to [KALX 90.7FM](#) or local stations ([KCBS 740AM](#), [KGO 810AM](#)), or call [800-705-9998](#) for updates
- Be prepared for aftershocks and falling debris
- For campus buildings, don't re-enter until allowed by emergency personnel

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If You Are Trapped Under Debris

- Signal for help; do not yell because you may inhale dust
 - Use the siren mode on this app (located in the lower left corner)
 - Tap on a metal object to get attention
- Do not light a match due to potential gas leaks; use your cell phone's flashlight if available

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Preparing for an Earthquake

[Get prepared](#) before the earthquake hits. [Click here](#) for a detailed checklist.

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KGO 810 AM	KGO 810AM
KGO 810 AM	Website URL: kgoradio.com
Office of Emergency Management	Phone: 510-642-3073
Office of Emergency Management	Website URL: oem.berkeley.edu
Office of Emergency Management	Email: oem@berkeley.edu
USGS	Website URL: earthquake.usgs.gov



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Building Fire

Evacuate, *then* report!

If you become aware of a fire or hear a fire alarm:

- Use the [closest exit or stairway](#)
 - Never use elevators
- Feel door handles with the back of your hand; if they are warm, find a different exit
 - If there are no other exits, use clothing to prevent smoke from entering through the bottom of the door
- Stay low if you see smoke
- Don't re-enter until allowed by emergency personnel
- If you can't exit the building, call [911 \(510-642-3333\)](#) via cell) for assistance
 - Seek shelter in your building's [Designated Waiting Area](#)
- Pull the fire alarm as you exit the building

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Avoid Fire Hazards at Home

- Keep exit routes clear of clutter
- Don't overload electrical outlets; only use power strips with surge protection
- Don't leave cooking unattended (especially on stove tops)
- If living off-campus, have a fire extinguisher
- *Never* leave burning candles unattended (candles are not allowed in residence halls)
- *Never* disable smoke alarms
- *Never* leave a space heater unattended or running while you sleep; keep the heater away from fabric or flammable materials (space heaters are not allowed in residence halls)

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Wildfire

If there is a wildfire near campus:

- Be prepared to leave at a moment's notice
- Visit [berkeley.edu](#) or listen to [KALX 90.7 FM](#) for air quality updates
- If sheltering-in-place, close all doors and windows

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Explosion

- Take cover under a table or desk to protect against falling glass and other debris
- Evacuate to a safe location and call [911 \(510-642-3333\)](#) via cell)
- If injured, seek medical care immediately
- Don't re-enter until allowed by emergency personnel

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Contacts for Fire & Explosion

Campus Building Guide	Website URL: access-guide.berkeley.edu
Campus Emergency Hotline	Phone: 800-705-9998
KALX 90.7 FM	KALX 90.7
KALX 90.7 FM	Website URL: kax.berkeley.edu



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Sheltering from Hazardous Materials

If there are hazardous materials in the air or a chemical spill has occurred outdoors, you may need to shelter-in-place to avoid being exposed.

- Find a safe building and go inside
- Seek shelter on higher floors
- Close all doors and windows and go to an interior room
- Don't inhale fumes; cover your mouth with mask or cloth
- Block vents and openings with tape, plastic bags, and clothing
- Visit berkeley.edu, listen to [KALX 90.7 FM](#), or call [800-705-9998](tel:800-705-9998) for updates
- Call [911](tel:911) ([510-642-3333](tel:510-642-3333) via cell) if you become ill from exposure

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Dealing with a Spill

If a **life-threatening hazard** is released, evacuate the area and call [911](tel:911) ([510-642-3333](tel:510-642-3333) via cell).

To report a non life-threatening hazardous release on campus:

- During business hours
 - Contact the [Office of Environment, Health & Safety \(510-642-3073\)](#)
- After hours
 - Call [911](tel:911) ([510-642-3333](tel:510-642-3333) via cell)
- *Do not* attempt to clean up or identify the substances unless:
 - You have documented training on spill clean-up procedures
 - You are familiar with the hazards of the substance

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Exposure to Hazardous Chemicals

Exposure to hazardous chemicals can pose a risk to your health. If you have been exposed:

- Remove any clothes exposed to the chemical
- Immediately wash exposed skin for 15 minutes with cool water
- If you feel sick, seek medical care immediately

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Contacts for Hazardous Materials

Campus Emergency Hotline	Phone: 800-705-9998
Environment, Health & Safety	Phone: 510-642-3073
Environment, Health & Safety	Website URL: ehs.berkeley.edu
KALX 90.7 FM	KALX 90.7
KALX 90.7 FM	Website URL: kalx.berkeley.edu
UC Police Department	Phone: 510-642-6760
UC Police Department	Website URL: police.berkeley.edu





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How to Identify a Suspicious Package

Look for:

- Odd markings or too much postage
- No return address; sender unknown
- Heaviness or unusual thickness
- Excessive tape or string
- Visible wires
- Oily or discolored wrappings
- Powdery substances or strange odors
- Unattended items that seem out of place

If you see something, say something!

- Call [911 \(510-642-3333\)](#) via cell)
- Warn others to avoid the area

Tap the paperclip for examples.

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Never Handle a Suspicious Package

- Don't interact with the package in any way
- Leave the area, close doors, and warn others to avoid the area
- Call [911 \(510-642-3333\)](#) via cell)
- Wash exposed skin with soap and water

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Bomb Threats

If you are evacuated due to a bomb threat:

- Remain calm and exit the building as directed
- Leave your doors and windows open, and the lights on
- Scan your area for unfamiliar items as you leave
- Don't handle any suspicious item you find
- Don't activate the building's fire alarm

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Contacts for Suspicious Packages

Campus Emergency Hotline	Phone: 800-705-9998
UC Police Department	Phone: 510-642-6760
UC Police Department	Website URL: police.berkeley.edu



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To avoid heat illness:

- Drink water every 15 minutes, even if you are not thirsty
- Avoid sun exposure and limit activity during the hottest part of the day
- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing
- Avoid alcohol and caffeinated drinks
- Find an air-conditioned building
- If suffering from [heat stroke](#), call [911 \(510-642-3333 via cell\)](#)

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Cold

In extremely low temperatures, remain inside when possible.

- Do not use the oven to warm your home
- Do not leave your space heater unattended; keep the heater away from fabric or flammable materials

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High Winds

- Stay inside, away from windows and doors
- Stay away from trees and power lines
- If driving, slow down or pull over until it is safe to continue

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Flood

- Move to higher ground
- Do not enter flooded areas; only a few inches of swift moving water can knock you off your feet
- Do not drive in flood waters

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Contacts for Severe Weather

Campus Emergency Hotline	Phone: 800-705-9998
National Weather Service	Website URL: weather.gov