

Emergencies/Crisis Management

For a complete list of procedures and protocols for Mount Mercy University please review the Department of Public Safety website or contact the Director of Public Safety at 319-363-1323 ext. 1028.

Campus Emergency Situations

1. In the event of a crisis (weather-related, violence, pandemic flu, etc.) an announcement declaring an emergency will be made via RAVE to the campus. The RAVE program is utilized to distribute information in the following ways*:
 1. Campus email notification system
 2. Text message notification
 3. Voice messages; voice mail messages
 4. Any computer on the network will receive a message on the desk top
 5. Informational monitors throughout campus will display the message
2. Once an emergency is declared by Mount Mercy, students are expected to comply with all official directives from the institution-designated officers or staff
3. If students are requested to evacuate the campus, they must do so in an orderly fashion and as directed by Mount Mercy
4. Students may be requested to gather in specific locations, or to remain in their current locations, and are expected to comply
5. For their own safety and the well-being of the community, students may be asked to assist with duties not commonly assigned to them, including but not limited to:
 1. general housekeeping duties
 2. general maintenance of facilities
 3. gathering of students and headcounts
 4. assisting fellow students
 5. triage of injuries
6. The RAVE Emergency Notification System is the official way Mount Mercy will communicate with students in emergency or crisis situations. Student information, including cell phone numbers and home phone numbers that have been provided, and Mount Mercy email addresses are included in the institution's Emergency Notification System, which will alert students via phone call, voice mail, text message and email to emergency information and instructions in the event of an incident on campus or in the Cedar Rapids area. Students are unable to unsubscribe to this service. All students must register at least two contact phone numbers (your own, plus a secondary number which may be a home number, family member or your "in case of emergency" contact). Student's numbers will only be used for institutional purposes and will not be provided to outside vendors. Additional telephone and email may be included if you choose.

Emergency Injuries and Illnesses

Life-threatening/serious emergencies should be handled by the appropriate professionals – call 9-911 from a campus phone or 911 from a cellular phone. Please then notify Public Safety so they may assist emergency personnel to your location. If a student becomes ill or has an injury

requiring medical treatment when the Health Services Office is not open, the student should be taken to Mercy Medical Center, St. Luke's Hospital, Mercy Care North, or another facility as requested. Resident students are asked to notify Residence Life personnel, the Information Desk, or a Public Safety Officer before leaving campus. These offices are also to be notified if the person is admitted to the hospital. Once a resident student is treated and released, that student should notify the Dean of Students on the morning of the next class day.

Run. Hide. Fight.

Mount Mercy University encourages the members of the Mount Mercy community to be aware of the Run. Hide. Fight. model. This model is utilized by numerous institutions and agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security. The model is based on specific concepts regarding the expectations of a person who is confronted with an active threat/shooter. The individual should run if they can safely do so. If they cannot, the person should hide from the threat. If unable to hide, the individual should prepare themselves to fight the assailant. While the University hopes members of the community will never need to utilize this model, the University does want people to be prepared. This model can be adapted to any threatening situation, including situations that occur off-campus. Feel free to contact the Director of Public Safety for more information regarding this model or for additional training.

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In the event of an emergency, the police should be contacted immediately. 911 telephone service is in effect for the Cedar Rapids metropolitan area. If dialing from a campus telephone, please dial 9-911. Mount Mercy is E911 capable and that means that when 911 is called from a **campus phone** it will automatically communicate to the 911 dispatch nearest your location for emergency response in the event you are unable to communicate with 911 operators.

Emergency medical care is provided at all hours at both Mercy Medical Center, 701 10th Street SE, 319-398-6041, and St. Luke's Hospital, 1026 A Avenue NE, 319-369-7105.