WHAT IF THERE IS A FIRE?

In the event of a fire: check doors for heat, activate the fire alarm if you see smoke or fire exit the building, do not push or run.

WEATHER DEFINITIONS

Weather Watch: Conditions are favorable for the development of severe weather. Closely monitor the situation in case it gets worse.

Weather Warning: Severe weather has been actively observed. Listen closely to instructions provided by weather radios/emergency officials.

WHAT IF SOMEONE WANTS TO ENTER A SECURE AREA?

Use good judgment. Look first. DO NOT assume it is safe to let someone in. If you decide to let a person in: have them leave anything they are carrying outside, make them turn 360 degrees to check for weapons.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE

Shelter-in-place events are usually weather related emergencies. When it is necessary to shelter-in-place, you will be safest by moving inside to a building space that protects you from the danger. Find a sturdy building and go inside. Leave doors unlocked so others can seek shelter as well. Stay away from windows, glass, and objects that could fall on you.

Await further instruction from VT Alerts and emergency personnel. DO NOT leave until an “All Clear” is given.

SECURE-IN-PLACE

You should secure-in-place during violence, threat of violence, when an active assailant has been reported or is nearby, or otherwise when instructed to do so. Secure the room or building by locking or barricading the door. Close blinds, block windows, silence cell phones, and stay quiet. Stay away from windows and behind solid objects, such as a desk or heavy table. Await further instructions from VT Alerts or Emergency Personnel. Do not leave until an “All Clear” is received.

Evacuation routes are posted in hallways, usually near stairwells or exits. If there is a fire, activate the nearest fire alarm on your way out. Call 911. If you hear a fire alarm, you must evacuate. Close doors as you leave. Know two evacuation routes for your room and look for illuminated EXIT signs. Do not use elevators. If a person cannot evacuate, report their location to emergency personnel.

VT ALERTS

VT Alerts is Virginia Tech’s Emergency Notification System. VT Alerts communicates critical information in the event of an emergency on or near Virginia Tech campus locations. Alert will deliver information on what has happened, where it has happened, and what to do. VT Alerts will deliver messages using some or all of the following channels:
- Virginia Tech homepage (www.vt.edu)
- Broadcast e-mails to all vt.edu accounts
- Electronic message boards in classrooms
- Campus sirens and loudspeakers
- VT Phone Alerts
- VT Desktop Alerts
- Twitter @vtalerts
**MAKING A KIT**

Having a few essentials on hand can make a huge difference in an emergency. As you begin to build your kit, think about the items you may need and customize it.

In addition to your personal kit, consider making one for your:
- Home / Car / Pet

**Additional Items**
- A three-day supply of water and food
- Copies of important documents
- Emergency blanket
- Multi-purpose tool
- Battery-powered radios
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Cell phone charger
- Hand sanitizer
- Extra cash
- First aid kit
- Safety whistle

**DOWNLOAD THE HOKIE READY APP**

The Hokie Ready App is the university’s safety app that offers critical emergency information and resources. Some of these resources include:

- Emergency Response Guides
- Report a Tip
- Friend Walk
- Campus Maps
- Global Travel
- Special Event Content

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