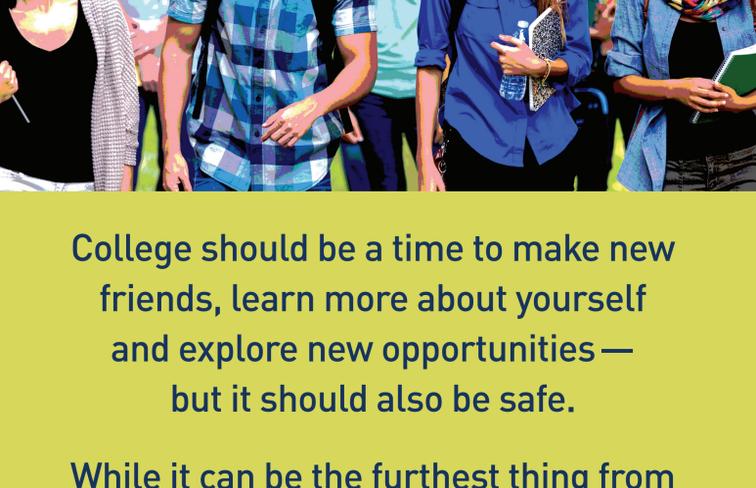


PREPARING FOR ON-CAMPUS EMERGENCIES

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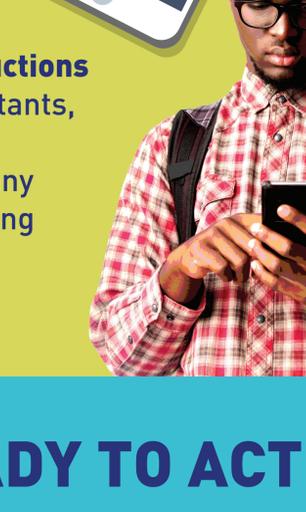
College should be a time to make new friends, learn more about yourself and explore new opportunities — but it should also be safe.

While it can be the furthest thing from your mind, preparing in advance for emergencies and natural disasters can save you valuable time and stress.

TAKE ACTION TODAY

AND FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO HELP KEEP YOU SAFE WHILE ON CAMPUS:

1. STAY NOTIFIED



- Sign up for your campus **emergency alerts**.

- Follow the instructions of Resident Assistants, Floor Evacuation Coordinators or any safety official giving directions.



2. BE READY TO ACT

- Know where the **nearest emergency exits** are and plan at least two exit routes (in case one is blocked during an emergency).

- Should you need to **evacuate** from your residence halls or apartment make sure to assemble at the designated meeting point and await further instructions from staff.



IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY, ensure that your college is aware and make an emergency response plan with housing staff.

- Have an **emergency kit** with important essentials like nonperishable food, water, a flashlight with fresh batteries. Learn more [here](#).



3. BE AWARE OF POTENTIAL FIRE DANGERS!

- Keep lights and lamps away from anything that can burn and use **surge protectors or power strips** to not overload outlets.



- When cooking, make sure to **never leave food unattended** and to **turn burners off** if you leave the room.



- **Do not take elevators**, if there is a fire in your residence halls or apartment building.

- If smoking is permitted on campus, make sure to **always smoke outside** and **always put cigarettes out** in an ashtray or bucket of sand.

3. DROP, COVER AND HOLD ON!



- Should there be an **earthquake**, drop to the floor and go under a table or desk or interior wall; cover your head and neck with your arms and hold on to your shelter.

- **Steer clear of heavy objects** like cabinets, bookshelves and mirrors and avoid windows.



- Once the shaking has stopped, **check in on roommates** and **evacuate** if necessary.

4. OBSERVE YOUR SURROUNDINGS

- **Get to know your campus safety office** and learn what resources your campus offers.



- Use a **buddy system** when walking at night, call campus security if you need a ride after dark and always walk along well-lit areas.



- **Keep an eye on property** and always lock doors and windows.

- **Pay attention** to trends and crime happening in your area.

To learn more college safety tips, make sure to visit [ready.gov/campus](https://www.ready.gov/campus).