In Case of an 
EMERGENCY ON CAMPUS
REMAIN CALM 
and Follow These Instructions

Shelter in Place
- Get indoors and shut and lock all doors and windows.
- Stay away from exterior doors and windows.
- Stay inside until informed it is safe to go outside.

Evacuate
- Move calmly to exits. Do not run or push.
- Follow instructions from emergency personnel. Alert personnel if someone needs help evacuating.
- Seek information on BC Emergency Website.

Earthquake
- If outside, move to a clear area away from trees, poles, and buildings.
- If inside, get under a sturdy piece of furniture and hold on.
- Stay away from windows, hanging objects, or tall furniture that can topple over.
- Stay where you are until shaking stops. After shaking stops, evacuate building. DO NOT use elevators.

Fire
- Activate the nearest fire alarm, call 911 and BCPD if possible.
- If there are no fire alarms, knock on doors and yell “FIRE” as you exit the building.
- Evacuate the building and DO NOT use elevators!
- Close doors as you leave.
- Feel closed doors with the back of your hand. Do not open if doors are hot.
- Move well away from the building when evacuating.

Severe Weather/ Tornado
- Seek shelter; get inside.
- Shut all doors and windows.
- Stay away from exterior windows and doors.
- Seek information: check the BC Emergency Website.
- Do not go outside until storm has passed.
- Be aware of downed wires and falling objects.

Suspicious Package or Threat
- Do not touch or disturb object.
- Call BCPD. Provide as much information as possible about the threat or object.
- Notify your supervisor / RA.
- Be prepared to evacuate.
- If told to evacuate, look around for anything suspicious and report to authorities.

Suspicious Person/ Violent Act
- Do not physically confront the person and do not block person’s access to an exit.
- Do not let anyone into a locked building/office.
- Call BC Police. Provide as much information as possible about the person and his or her direction of travel.
- Follow instructions from emergency personnel.
- If told to seek safe shelter, get inside immediately and lock doors.

Hazardous Materials
- Move away from the hazard to a safe location.
- If others are in danger, call BCPD.
- Follow instructions from emergency personnel.
- Alert others to stay clear of the area.
- Notify emergency personnel if you have been exposed to the hazard or have information about the release.

Power Failure
- Move cautiously to a lighted area. Exits may be indicated by lighted signs.
- Turn off and unplug computers and other voltage sensitive equipment.
- For localized outages, contact Facilities Work Order Center at 617-552-3048.
- For information about a prolonged outage, check the BC Emergency Website.

BC Safe App
- Response guides
- Support resources
- Campus maps
- Friend Walk
- Emergency alerts

Find these features and more on the new public safety app for the Boston College community.

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