Emergency?

There's An App for That!

The Crisis Manager mobile application for Boston College makes our emergency information more mobile and readily accessible. This customized app places Boston College's emergency information right in your hands!

The app is free and easy to download to your smartphone or tablet, just follow these simple instructions.

1. Download the Crisis Manager by SchoolDude app by visiting the Apple iTunes Store or Google Play for Android or click the QR code
2. Launch the app, and if prompted, select "OK" to enable push notifications

NOTE: You do not need to create an account when prompted)



3. After the tutorial (swipe left), click on the + symbol in the right corner to add a plan
4. Search keyword "Boston College"
5. Choose "Emergency Reference Guide" to download the plan to your device

For More Information

Visit these resources for official and helpful emergency preparedness and response information:

BC Emergency: www.bc.edu/emergency

BC Emergency Facebook:
www.facebook.com/bcemergency

BC Emergency Twitter:
www.twitter.com/bc_oem

BC Emergency Information Line:
888-BOS-COLL (888-267-2655)

BC Police: 617-552-4444 (emergency)
617-552-4440 (non-emergency)

DHS: www.ready.gov
MEMA: www.mass.gov/mema
FEMA: www.fema.gov
Red Cross: www.redcross.org

OTHER CAMPUS RESOURCES

Boston College has extensive outreach services which are available to all of our students at any time:

Campus Ministry: 617-552-3475
Office of Student Affairs: 617-552-3280
Counseling Services: 617-552-3310
Sexual Assault Network: 617-552-2211
Health Services: 617-552-3225
Work Order Center: 617-552-3048

BC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

www.facebook.com/bcemergency
www.twitter.com/bc_oem
www.instagram.com/bcemergency
www.pinterest.com_bc_emergency

Are You Prepared For An Emergency?





Be Alert!

Be Informed!

Be Prepared!

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Important Terms to Know

Watch: Forecast issued well in advance to alert the public of the possibility of a particular weather related hazard (e.g. tornado watch, flash flood watch). The occurrence, location and timing may still be uncertain.

Warning: Forecast issued when weather or hazard is "imminent" or already occurring (e.g., tornado warning, flood warning). A warning is used for conditions posing threat to life or property.

Evacuate: To immediately leave a hazard location (i.e.: building, area of campus, etc.) due to an immediate health or life-threatening hazard.

Shelter in Place: To go and stay indoors when a situation occurs that may be a hazard to health or is life-threatening. Stay inside, lock doors/ windows, shut off fans and air conditioners. Remain in place until told it is safe to leave.

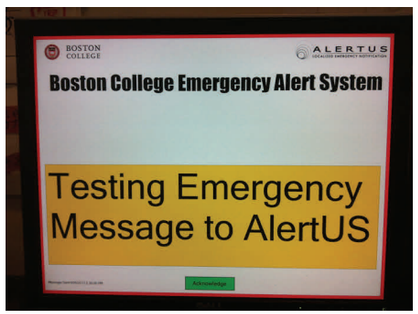
Hazards To Prepare For

- Flood
- Winter Storm
- Tornado/Severe Thunderstorm
- Drought/Heat Wave
- Hurricane/Coastal Storm
- Earthquake
- Hazardous Materials Accident
- Power Outage
- Fire/Explosion
- Violent Acts
- Planned Events
- Water Supply Problem
- Transportation Accident
- Civil Disorder/Riot
- Building Collapse
- Suspicious Package/Bomb Threat
- Medical/Biological Emergency
- Cyber Attack



BE INFORMED

Emergencies can happen anywhere, at any time, and often occur without warning. It is important to know what hazards are possible, how you will be notified of an emergency, and where to get accurate information during an event.



Boston College uses several different methods of notification to alert members of the BC community of an emergency, including:

- Emails to bc.edu accounts
- Text alerts to cellphones
- Computer pop-up messages (visit: bc.edu/alertus to download)
- Phone calls to select campus phones (i.e.: classrooms, blue lights, etc.)
- Website postings to www.bc.edu/emergency, www.bc.edu/bcinfo and www.bc.edu.
- Postings to the Facebook and Twitter feeds for BC Emergency Management, BC Police and the main Boston College channels
- Information on the emergency information line: 888-BOS-COLL (888-267-2655)
- Other methods (media, handouts, physical postings, loudspeakers, etc.)
- Share via word of mouth!



MAKE A PLAN

Develop a plan now for an emergency so you know what to do and how to communicate. Have a plan for work, home and other areas you frequent.

Make sure you have an evacuation plan that includes:

- Two ways of out all rooms/buildings
- A predesignated meeting place for family, friends and/or roommates (one outside and a 2nd location further away)
- Emergency shelter locations

Make sure you have an emergency communication plan with family and friends:

- Designate a single family contact outside your area and how to reach them in an emergency
- Notify family or friends, or your designated family contact, if you are affected by an emergency so they know where you are

Do not call 911 or BC Police unless you need immediate assistance. For official information visit www.bc.edu/emergency or call 888-BOS-COLL.

Don't forget your pets! Develop a Pet Emergency Plan and supply kit and identify an emergency shelter. Remember, pets are not allowed in public emergency shelters for health reasons.





BUILD A KIT

Everyone should have an emergency supply kit ready to sustain them for at least the first few hours of an emergency. Consider making multiple kits for your residence hall, home, workplace, car and any other places where you ordinarily spend time. Your kit does not need to be extensive, but should include the basics.



Consider adding the following to your kit:

- Bottled water
- Canned or packaged food
- Manual can opener
- Battery-powered radio
- Flashlight
- Emergency light sticks
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Blanket (emergency type)
- Prescription medications (if taken)
- Eyeglasses/Contacts (if needed)
- Safety whistle (to attract attention)
- Dust mask and Surgical gloves
- Hand sanitizer

Don't forget your keys, ID, license, wallet, credit cards, cell-phone and charger.



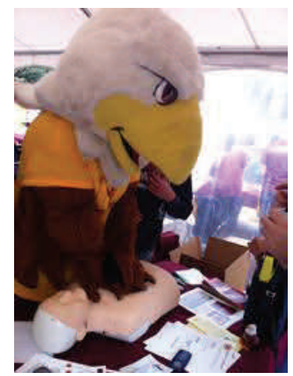
GET INVOLVED

Better prepare yourself for an emergency by getting involved. Boston College has a number of training opportunities available to you to help you learn valuable and potentially lifesaving skills.

The Office of Emergency Management offers Campus Community Emergency Response Team (C-CERT) training to members of the BC community. Learn how to use a fire extinguisher, basic first aid, light search and rescue, and much more.

CAMPUS CERT
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Other trainings available through the Office of Emergency Management, the BC Police, BC EMS, EHS and others include:



- CPR
- First Aid
- EMT certification
- Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.)
- Active Shooter Awareness
- Workplace Safety

For more training information, visit: www.bc.edu/emergency/how-to-prepare/safety_and_emergencytraining/c-cert.html.