



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS for STUDENTS LIVING ON CAMPUS

CRITICAL INITIAL STEPS

Set forth below is information you will need in order to prepare for evacuating the campus or sheltering in place during an emergency. The key to surviving any emergency is adequate preparation. Following are two critical initial action steps you need to take in addition to those set forth under the sections labeled, EVACUATION and SHELTER-IN-PLACE.

1. All students living on campus should fill out the Evacuation Plans Form that provides valuable information about your plans and needs in case of an emergency. You can obtain one of these forms by calling one of the numbers below. Students with disabilities needing assistance during an evacuation should inform the Center for Student with Disabilities (CSD) at (713) 743-5395; disabled students with oversized wheelchairs or special needs who cannot evacuate themselves should pre-register with Harris County for assistance during an evacuation by calling 211.

Moody Towers Area Coordinator Office	713-743-6050	Bayou Oaks	713-747-3834
Quadrangle Area Coordinator Office	713-743-6040	Cullen Oaks	713-748-3707
Cougar Place Area Coordinator Office	713-743-6045	Cambridge Oaks	713-748-2606
		CSD	713-743-5395

2. Update your emergency contact information through the PeopleSoft System so that you can be contacted through the Emergency PIER System.

We will keep the campus community well informed during the Hurricane Season (and during other emergencies), posting information prominently on the front page of UH Web site (<http://www.uh.edu/>) and on the UH emergency communications site (www.uh.edu/emergency) as well as by conventional e-mail notifications and by text messaging, as appropriate. To ensure we have your current emergency contact information, please log in at www.uh.edu/mypeoplesoft/, click on Campus Personal Information and update your listing. For instructions on updating your contact information you also can go to: <http://piersystem.com/go/doc/1093/155709/>.

In addition, our central operators (713-743-1000) and UH OnCALL (743-743-2255) will have up-to-date information for on- and off-campus callers. Our Office of University Communication will alert the local media about the university's status, allowing them to convey this information to the general public.

EVACUATION

WHO ANNOUNCES: Once the University administration makes the decision, the University of Houston Police Department (UHPD) announces that the campus community should evacuate and this message is relayed by all available means. Local television and radio stations are contacted. Phone, text and e-mail messages are sent through the PIER emergency communication system to students who have updated their emergency contact information as directed above. Information will be posted on the uh.edu web site's front page as well on the uh.edu/emergency site. You may also call UH Emergency Updates at 713-743-2255.

WHEN: Only when an Evacuation mandate is announced by government and/or university officials. Nearby chemical spills may require the campus to evacuate. More likely, strong hurricanes may require evacuation. Hurricanes are categorized on the following scale (Saffir/Simpson Hurricane Scale):

Tropical Storm	39-73 mph - Strong thunderstorms with constant wind
Category 1	74-95 mph - Damage to shrubs, trees and some coastal road flooding
Category 2	96-110 mph - Some damage to roofs, windows, trees and shrubs
Category 3	111-130 mph - Some structural damage, large trees down, trailers destroyed
Category 4	131-155 mph - Some roof failure, major beach erosion, inland flooding
Category 5	156 + mph - Complete roof failures; some buildings collapse; major flooding; Damage to lower floors of all shoreline buildings

**Brazoria/Galveston/Harris County
Hurricane Evacuation
Zip-Zones Coastal, A, B and C**

Zip-Zone Coastal				
77541	77550	77551	77554	77617
77623	77650			
Zip-Zone A				
77510	77518	77531	77539	77563
77565	77566	77568	77573	77577
77586	77590	77591		
Zip-Zone B				
77058	77059	77062	77422	77507
77511	77515	77517	77520	77534
77546	77571	77598		
Zip-Zone C				
77011	77012	77013	77015	77017
77023	77029	77034	77049	77061
77075	77087	77089	77480	77486
77502	77503	77504	77505	77506
77521	77530	77536	77547	77562
77578	77581	77583	77584	77587

Texas officials have identified four Evacuation Zones: Coastal, A, B and C. Officials also have identified zip codes within each Evacuation Zone. (See the Office of Emergency Management website at http://www.hcoem.org/PDF/2007_FINAL_EVAC_BY_ZIP_MAP.pdf for a list of the zipcodes in each evacuation zone.) Residents in the Coastal Zone and Zone A are susceptible to evacuation notice under a Category 1 or greater hurricane. Zone B residents may be told to leave if there is a Category 3 or greater hurricane. Residents of Zone C may be told to evacuate if there's a Category 4 or 5 hurricane. Although not in an Evacuation Zone, the University of Houston is on the edge of Zone C. When an emergency arises government officials meet to decide when and from what area evacuation is necessary. University officials monitor this information before a decision is made and announced. This is why it is so important to listen to your radio or television when a major storm approaches. Watch your computer and cell phone for e-mails and text messages for University directives or call UH On-CALL at 713-743-2255.

EVACUATION DESTINATION – Identify a destination ahead of time where you could go if you are told to evacuate. Choose several options: home, a friend's home in another town, a hotel/motel or a shelter. BE SURE the destination is away from the danger. The university has reserved 25 buses to evacuate those who have no appropriate evacuation destination, or who lack vehicles or who cannot ride with friends away from the danger. Five of the buses will be wheelchair accessible.

EVACUATION BACKPACK – ALL STUDENTS should prepare and maintain an evacuation backpack in case they are advised to evacuate the campus or move to another building on campus.

Supplies for Evacuation Backpack

- FLASHLIGHT and RADIO (preferably with a crank; otherwise have fresh BATTERIES)
- 2 16 oz bottles of WATER/other liquids
Medicine (prescription, vitamins, etc.)
- Cell Phone & charger (automobile charger if driving and regular charger)
- Non-perishable FOOD (in boxes, pouches or small cans with pop tops)
- Utensils (preferably plastic)
- Toilet Paper
- 2-3 Plastic Trash Bags/Zip Lock Bags
- Hand Sanitizer
- Wipes
- TOILETRIES (tooth paste, tooth brush, deodorant, comb, tampons, etc.)
- Light Weight Poncho
- Identification (driver's license, passport – in plastic ziplock bag)
- Important papers (medical card, property insurance, etc.)
- Telephone numbers such as: UH Emergency Update # 713/743-2255
- Directions to a predetermined destination away from the danger
- Map or maps, in case the preferred route is closed or clogged

Optional Items

- First Aid Kit
- Fan (battery powered or hand fan)
- Whistle
- Insect repellent
- Magazine or book to read

EMERGENCY EVACUATION BACKPACK SUPPLIES



SHELTER-IN-PLACE

WHO ANNOUNCES: The University of Houston Police Department (UHPD) announces that the campus community should shelter in place and this is relayed by campus administrators by all available means. In particular, phone, text and email messages are sent to the student listserv through the PIER emergency communication system. Information will be posted on the uh.edu web site's front page as well as on the uh.edu/emergency site. You may also call the UH Emergency Update # at 713-743-2255.

WHEN: Sheltering-in-Place is announced when it is dangerous to leave your building or residence hall. Though rare, a nearby chemical spill or a gunman on campus could trigger an announcement. Most likely, however, a shelter-in-place announcement will be caused by a tornado, severe storm and/or hurricane accompanied by flood water and loss of electrical power. Food service may be unavailable or it may be dangerous to travel to buildings where it is available. Elevators may be inoperable.

Supplies needed for sheltering in your residence hall room

- FLASHLIGHT or lamp – preferably one that does not require batteries or flammable fuel; we suggest portable flashlight with a crank. In the alternative have fresh batteries.
- RADIO – with fresh batteries or operable by crank
- WATER (approximately 1 gallon per day for 3 days)
- FOOD for at least 3 days
 - Non-perishable items that do not require heating
 - Packaged in plastic or in cans that do not need an electric can opener
 - Examples: crackers, peanut butter, Vienna sausage, tuna, fruit cups
- Utensils (plastic) and paper plates
- Can Opener (non-electric)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Wipes
- TOILETRIES
- Plastic trash bag
- 3-4 zip lock bags
- 3 trash bags - tall kitchen size
- Cell Phone (fully charged)
- Toilet Paper
- Medicine (prescription and over the counter)
- Keys to residence and vehicles

Optional Items

- First Aid Kit
- Fan (battery powered or hand fan)
- Insect Repellant