Campus Safety

The safety of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore community during an emergency is predicated on advance planning, as well as building awareness about how the plans will be implemented. Students, faculty, staff and visitors will be better prepared in an emergency if they know how the University will respond, where they can find information, and what they should do. Key to that awareness is good communication. The UMES Department of Public Safety website is an essential tool for sharing plans and providing relevant information in case an emergency arises at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore or in the surrounding area.

www.umes.edu/emergency

Please bookmark this site, as you will find messages to the University community with relevant information and direction in the event of an emergency. Also, the following emergency related documents can be found online:

- Crisis Emergency Plan
- Emergency Resources Guide (Note: keep this desktop reference near your telephone)
- Active Shooter Incident Checklist
- Pandemic Flu Plan

Emergency Blue Light System

The Campus Police Department also monitors the University’s Emergency Blue Light System to facilitate reporting of emergencies. The Blue Light System is an interactive voice communications system, which when activated, automatically relays the geographical location of the caller to the University Police Department Communication Center. There are 11 emergency stations, identified by blue lights, strategically located throughout the campus. Should any member of the University Community have a need to use this emergency system, the below directions are prominently displayed on each communication box.

- Push the red button on the phone box and release.
- Listen for a Public Safety Officer, who will ask what the situation is.
- Push and hold the black button while explaining the situation.
- Follow the instructions given.

Anonymous Tip Line

410-651-8484 (x8484 from a campus phone)

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HawkTalk Text Message Alerts

Visit www.umes.edu/police and click on the HawkTalk Broadcast Alert box. The service is available to all cell phone users, regardless of service provider.

Campus Emergency Notification
Methods for Campus Notification depends upon the nature of the emergency. Notifications may include the following:
1. Emergency Siren and Public Address System
2. Text messaging through HawkTalk Broadcast Alerts
3. E-mail
4. Campus TV Cable Channel
5. Website Posting
6. WBOC-TV and/or WESM 91.3

Hawk Card - Student Identification Card
Students should have their UMES-issued identification card with them at all times for display upon request.

Public Safety Website
The Department of Public Safety website includes information, such as the Annual Campus Security Report, that is published and distributed in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act, Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act, and Drug-Free Campus/Drug-Free Workplace legislation. Printed copies of the UMES Campus Security Report are also available in the Department of Public Safety. Maryland State Police and Somerset County Crime statistics are available upon request.