UCR
Palm Desert Campus
Emergency Procedures
For Emergencies Dial 9-1-1

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Blood and Body Fluid Exposure

Definitions

| Exposure | Direct contact between eye, mouth, mucous membrane, skin cut or abrasion with blood or any other potentially infectious material |

Actions to Take

- Skin exposure: gently wash contact area with soap and water immediately
- Eye exposure: flush eyes with water for 15 minutes using eye wash if available
- Call 9-1-1 for medical help

Additional Information/Follow-Up Activities

- Notify supervisor of exposure to a potentially infectious fluid
- Notify EH&S as soon as possible of potential infection from blood or body fluid due to exposure
  - Call EH&S at (951) 827-5528 to report exposure (Monday - Friday 8AM – 5PM)
  - If after hours, call UCPD Dispatch at (951) 827-5222 and request that they notify an EH&S representative
Bomb Threat

Actions to Take

If bomb threat is received by phone:

- Take the caller seriously and remain calm
- Try to keep caller on the phone by asking questions using the UCR Bomb Threat Checklist
- Listen carefully: don’t interrupt the caller or hang up
- If possible, write a note to a coworker asking him/her to “call 9-1-1 to report a bomb threat”
- Call 9-1-1 immediately once the call has ended to report the details
- Palm Desert Sheriff’s Department officials will determine if evacuation is necessary

If bomb threat is received by mail:

- Stop additional handling of the letter or parcel
- Call 9-1-1 immediately
- Palm Desert Sheriff’s Department officials will determine if evacuation is necessary
- Secure room/area if possible, allowing entry to emergency responders only
- Advise campus personnel not to use 2-way radios in the area

If bomb threat is received by email:

- Call 9-1-1 immediately
- Print a copy for Palm Desert Sheriff’s Department and UCPD
- Do not delete the message
- Palm Desert Sheriff’s Department officials will determine if evacuation is necessary

Additional Information/Follow-Up Activities

- If instructed to do so, initiate building evacuation by activating any fire alarm box (pull alarm)
- Evacuate building and report to Emergency Assembly Area (EAA)
- Wait for emergency response personnel or the Building Supervisor for Emergency Conditions (BSEC) to authorize that it is safe to reenter affected area
- Provide the completed UCR Bomb Threat Checklist to the Palm Desert Sheriff’s Department officer-in-charge at the scene and make a copy for UCPD
- Notify your supervisor or department head of bomb threat if they were not in the area when it occurred
# Bomb Threat Checklist (Please Print)

Today's Date __________/________/________

## Information on call

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date of call</th>
<th>Time of call</th>
<th>Duration of call</th>
<th>Phone number called:</th>
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<td>AM/PM</td>
<td>hr:min</td>
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Name of person called: Phone number to call for follow up:

## Questions for caller

(Try to ask these questions and document responses)

<table>
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<th>Question</th>
<th>Response</th>
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<td>When will bomb explode?</td>
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<td>What kind of bomb is it?</td>
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<td>What will cause the bomb to explode?</td>
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<td>Where is the bomb located?</td>
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<td>What does the bomb look like?</td>
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<tr>
<td>What is your name?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Did you place the bomb? If so, why?</td>
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<td>Where are you calling from?</td>
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</table>

Document exact wording of the threat:

## Information on caller

Gender of caller: Approximate age of caller: Does voice sound familiar? If yes, who does it sound like?

- Male
- Female
- Unknown

## Description of caller (check all that apply)

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<th>Speech</th>
<th>Language</th>
<th>Behavior</th>
<th>Background Noises</th>
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<td>Tavern/Bar</td>
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<td>Deliberate</td>
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<td>Angry</td>
<td>Animals</td>
<td>Television</td>
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<td>Blaming</td>
<td>Baby</td>
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<td>Intelligent</td>
<td>Calm</td>
<td>Birds</td>
<td>Train</td>
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Other* - Provide any additional details or information:

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Civil Disturbance or Demonstration

**Actions to Take**

**Civil Disturbance:**

- If anyone at a meeting, class or lecture becomes disruptive, ask that person(s) to leave
- If disrupter refuses to leave, call the Palm Desert Sheriff’s Department at 9-1-1 if it is an emergency or (760) 836-1600 if not
- If phone is unavailable send someone to notify the Palm Desert Sheriff’s Department
- Provide the Palm Desert Sheriff’s Department with your name, location, and nature of the problem
- Follow instructions of campus and law enforcement officials

**Demonstration:**

- Call the Palm Desert Sheriff’s Department to report the incident/activity (9-1-1 if emergency, (760) 836-1600 if not)
- Continue with your normal routine
- Avoid provoking or obstructing demonstrators
- If possible, stay away from demonstration area

**Additional Information/Follow-Up Activities**

- Stay away from doors or windows if the disturbance is outside
- Close and lock doors and windows if noise is disruptive
- If necessary, secure valuable resources and research to protect them from damage
- Contact UCPD at (951) 827-5222 to notify of situation
Earthquakes: If you’re inside

**Actions to Take**

**During shaking:**

- Remember to **duck, cover and hold**
- **Duck** or drop to the ground
- Take **cover** under a sturdy desk, between rows of auditorium seats or against an interior wall, and protect your head and neck with your arms
- Stay clear of windows, hanging objects, mirrors, or shelves where objects may fall
- **Hold** on to furniture that covers you and protect your head and neck until the shaking stops

**After shaking stops:**

- Be prepared for aftershocks
- Do not run outside or immediately evacuate as falling debris can cause major injuries
- Quickly gather personal items and critical work or research that needs to be saved
- Follow evacuation routes directly to building's Emergency Assembly Area (EAA); do not attempt to use an elevator for evacuation
- Assist evacuating people with disabilities if they need help
- Check in with emergency staff at the Emergency Assembly Area and notify them of injured people, hazards or damages observed
- Stay at the Emergency Assembly Area and follow directions of emergency response personnel

**Additional Information/Follow-Up Activities**

- Report emergencies to the Palm Desert Sheriff's Department at 9-1-1

**Determining when to go home:**

- Do not try to leave the campus until campus authorities say it is safe
- Be prepared to assist with campus response and recovery operations if asked to do so
- If you leave the Emergency Assembly Area for any reason, notify building emergency staff

**If an earthquake occurs when you are not at work:**

- Follow your department's "reporting to work" requirements
- If possible, monitor WCE313 1610 AM or [http://www.palmdesert.ucr.edu](http://www.palmdesert.ucr.edu) for updates
Earthquakes: If you’re outside

**Actions to Take**

**During shaking:**
- Move away from buildings, trees, power-lines, walls and chimneys
- Take the "duck, cover and hold" position until shaking stops

**After shaking stops:**
- Go to the Emergency Assembly Area (EAA) of the closest building
- Check in with emergency staff at the Emergency Assembly Area and notify them of injured people, hazards or damages observed
- Stay at the Emergency Assembly Area and follow directions of emergency response personnel

**Additional Information/Follow-Up Activities**
- Report emergencies to the Palm Desert Sheriff's Department at 9-1-1

**Determining when to go home:**
- Do not try to leave the campus until campus authorities say it is safe
- Be prepared to assist with campus response and recovery operations if asked to do so
- If you leave the Emergency Assembly Area for any reason, notify building emergency staff
Earthquakes: For people with disabilities

**Actions to Take**

**During shaking:**
- Move away from windows and get next to an inside wall or clear, safe area
- Cover head and face with arms

**After shaking stops:**
- Evacuate to the Emergency Assembly Area; ask for assistance if needed
- Check in with emergency staff at the Emergency Assembly Area and notify them of injured people, hazards or damages observed
- Stay at the Emergency Assembly Area and follow directions of emergency response personnel

**Additional Information/Follow-Up Activities**
- Report emergencies to the Palm Desert Sheriff's Department at 9-1-1

**Determining when to go home:**
- Do not try to leave the campus until campus authorities say it is safe
- If you leave the Emergency Assembly Area for any reason, notify building emergency staff
Emergency Communication

Actions to Take

For police or medical emergencies:

- Dial 9-1-1 from any campus phone, pay phone or cell phone
- Use elevator emergency phones or intercoms if applicable
- If necessary, the campus fire alarm pull-boxes can be used to summon an emergency response from the Palm Desert Fire Department
- **Note:** There is no charge for calling 9-1-1 from a pay phone
- **Note:** Dialing 9-1-1 from a cell phone will contact the nearest California Highway Patrol Dispatch (there may be a delay in answering your call) and they will transfer your call to Palm Desert Sheriff’s Department

For fire, earthquake, or campus closures:

- Only use phones or cell phones to dial 9-1-1 for emergency situations
- Listen to radio bulletins, watch TV news, and check [www.palmdesert.ucr.edu](http://www.palmdesert.ucr.edu)

Additional Information/Follow-up Activities

- Information concerning emergencies at UCR Palm Desert and related topics will be available to the campus community through the following resources:
  - Palm Desert Website at [www.palmdesert.ucr.edu](http://www.palmdesert.ucr.edu)
  - UCR Website at [www.ucr.edu](http://www.ucr.edu)
  - Emergency broadcast radio stations in the Coachella Valley:
    - WCE313 1610 AM Palm Desert Public Information
    - KCRW 89.3/90.9 FM News and Talk Radio
    - KPSI 100.5 FM News talk (ABC affiliate)
  - Palm Desert Area Emergency Information – Charter Cable Channel 18
Evacuation of Workplace

Actions to Take

- Quickly leave the building when the fire alarm sounds or evacuation is initiated by emergency personnel
  - If working with high heat, open flame or a hazardous experiment or procedure, complete safety shutdown procedures if it is safe to do so, and then evacuate the building
  - Quickly take personal items or other important materials with you if it is safe to do so. You may not be returning for some time
  - Close doors as you leave
- Stay to the right of hallways and stairs; do not use elevators
- Assist the mobility impaired if they request help
- Avoid any smoke-filled area if possible; if you are in a smoke-filled area, stay low to the floor and crawl under smoke
- Follow evacuation routes directly to building's Emergency Assembly Area (EAA)
- Notify emergency staff at the Emergency Assembly Area that you have evacuated safely

If mobility impaired:

- Proceed to an area of safe refuge, such as an enclosed stairwell
- Request others evacuating to notify emergency responders of your location
- Wait for emergency responders to arrive

Additional Information/Follow-up Activities

- Remain in the Emergency Assembly Area until directed otherwise
- Never try to reenter a building until cleared to do so by UCR Palm Desert/UCR officials or emergency responders
Fire and Smoke Conditions

Actions to Take

- Alert others nearby of the condition
- Activate the building fire alarm
- Call 9-1-1 to report any fire or smoke condition, if it is safe and possible to do so
- Quickly leave the building when the fire alarm sounds or evacuation is initiated by emergency personnel
  - If working with high heat, open flame or a hazardous experiment or procedure, complete safety shutdown procedures if it is safe to do so, and then evacuate the building
  - Quickly take personal items or other important materials with you if it is safe to do so. You may not be returning for some time
  - Close doors as you leave
- Stay to the right of hallways and stairs; do not use elevators
- Assist people with disabilities if needed
- Avoid any smoke-filled area if possible; if you are in a smoke-filled area, stay low to the floor and crawl under smoke
- If clothing catches fire: **Stop, Drop, and Roll** to extinguish flames
- Follow evacuation routes directly to building's Emergency Assembly Area (EAA)
- Notify emergency staff at the Emergency Assembly Area that you have evacuated safely

If mobility impaired:

- Proceed to an area of safe refuge such as an enclosed stairwell
- Request others evacuating to notify emergency responders of your location
- Wait for emergency responders to arrive

Additional Information/Follow-up Activities

- Remain in the Emergency Assembly Area until directed otherwise
- Never try to reenter a building until cleared to do so by UCR Palm Desert/UCR officials or emergency responders
Hazardous Material Exposure/Spill

Actions to Take

For exposures

Skin contact – external exposure (Splash):

- Call 9-1-1, and ask for assistance from co-workers if available
- Wash with the closest source of water
- Remove contaminated clothing, if appropriate
- Wash for at least 15 minutes
- Seek additional assistance as necessary

Inhalation:

- Leave the area and go to an area with fresh air
- If you have shortness of breath or trouble breathing, call 9-1-1 for help

Ingestion:

- Call 9-1-1 for help

For spills

If Hazardous Material Spill or Release:

- Call 9-1-1 for help; Palm Desert Fire Department officials will determine if evacuation is needed
- Keep other people from entering area with the spill
- Follow directions of Palm Desert Fire Department concerning evacuation or clean-up

Additional Information/Follow-up Activities

- Report all incidents to your supervisor
- If equipment needs to be decontaminated or hazardous waste has been generated, contact EH&S at (951) 827-5528
Homeland Security Incident

Actions to Take

National Emergency occurs:

- Tune your radio or TV to a local Emergency Alert System (EAS) station and follow instructions
- Follow directions of emergency response personnel, your Building Supervisor for Emergency Conditions (BSEC), or Building Emergency Staff (BES)

Additional Information/Follow-up Activities

- Information concerning emergencies at UCR and related topics is available to the campus community through the following resources:
  - UCR Website at www.palmdesert.ucr.edu
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Medical Emergencies and First Aid

Actions to Take

General steps in medical emergencies:

- Check the scene to see that it is safe, that you and victim are not in danger
- Call 9-1-1 (or ask someone to call 9-1-1) to request medical assistance; state the type of medical emergency it appears to be (cut, head injury, heart attack, etc.)
- Get office First Aid Kit and use needed supplies as directed or to the level of your first aid training
- Retrieve and use any other appropriate and available emergency medical equipment (e.g., automatic external defibrillator (AED))
- Calm and reassure the victim while waiting for emergency personnel

Additional Information/Follow-up Activities

- Report any injury to your immediate supervisor
- Replace any materials used from the First Aid Kit
Radioactive Contamination/ Spill

Actions to Take

For exposures

For events that create immediate danger to life/ property or if an injury has already occurred:

- Call 9-1-1 for help and ask for assistance from co-workers if available

For unexpected exposure to radiation:

- Call UCPD at (951) 827-5222 and have them call the Radiation Safety Officer

For ingestion of radioactive materials:

- Call UCPD at (951) 827-5222 and have them call the Radiation Safety Officer

For eye contamination:

- Call 9-1-1 for help and ask for assistance from co-workers if available
- Use eye wash for at least 15 minutes
- Completely rinse entire eye area, including eyelid and skin underneath eye

For skin contamination:

- Call UCPD at (951) 827-5222 and have them call the Radiation Safety Officer for decontamination instructions and a dose assessment;
- Contain area of contamination by proper monitoring techniques
- Wash area several times with soap and warm (not hot) water
- Use a mildly abrasive soap, soft bristled brush or emery board if detectable contamination is still present
- Resurvey the contaminated area after each decontamination
- Repeat decontamination steps until survey results do not change or if skin is getting more irritated
Radioactive Contamination/ Spill – continued

For contaminated lab coat, clothing or shoes:

- Remove contaminated items and check skin underneath for contamination
- If skin is contaminated, follow instructions for skin contamination
- Call UCPD at (951) 827-5222 and have them call the Radiation Safety Officer for instructions;

For spills

For radioactive liquid spills:

- If you have been trained and have the proper materials, contain or clean up spill and call EH&S at (951) 827-5528
- If you have not been trained or can’t contain the spill, call 9-1-1 for help

For airborne release of radioactive gas, dust, volatile liquid or rupture of a sealed source:

- Call 9-1-1 for help
- Do not attempt to decontaminate anything
- Turn off fans and blowers and close all ventilation
- Evacuate the area, closing and locking doors after leaving room(s)
- Place warning signs that no one should enter room(s) on every access door
- Any potentially contaminated people should move to a nearby secure area until monitoring can take place

For loss or theft of radioactive materials, sealed sources, or radiation producing machines:

- Call 9-1-1 for help

Additional Information/Follow-up Activities

- Report all incidents to your supervisor
- Decontaminate all useable equipment unless directed otherwise within procedures or by EH&S
- Properly dispose of radioactive waste through EH&S at (951) 827-5528
Suspicious Mail or Packages

Definitions

| Suspicious Parcel or Object | Anything that is out of place and cannot be accounted for, or any item suspected of being an explosive device |

Actions to Take

If you receive or discover a suspicious letter or package:

- Do not touch, tamper with, or move it
- Call 9-1-1 and report what you suspect immediately to the Palm Desert Sheriff's Department
- Campus police will determine if evacuation or other action is necessary
- Notify your supervisor of what you suspect

Additional Information/Follow-up Activities

Indicators that make a letter or package suspicious:

- Powdery substance, oily stains, major discoloration, or crystallization on outside
- Unexpected letter from someone unfamiliar, has no return address, or is postmarked from a foreign country that may or may not match the return address
- Excessive postage, a handwritten or poorly typed address, no name, or misspelled common words
- Unusual weight given size, excessively bulky or lopsided or oddly shaped, or has an unusual amount of tape
- Has a strange odor
- Addressed to someone no longer with your organization, uses a wrong title, or reflects outdated personal information concerning addressee
- Has restrictive endorsements such as "Personal" or "To Be Opened By Addressee Only"
- Contact UCPD at (951) 827-5222 to alert them of the situation
Utility Failure

Actions to Take

Natural gas leak detected:

- Evacuate the building using evacuation routes
- Do not turn "on/off" switches on lights or electrical equipment
- Stay to the right of hallways and stairs; do not use elevators
- Assist people with disabilities if needed
- Once outside, call the Palm Desert Sheriff's Department at 9-1-1 and EH&S at (951) 827-5528
- Go to the building's Emergency Assembly Area (EAA) and notify emergency staff that you have evacuated safely

Electrical Power Failure:

- Evacuate darkened areas with caution
- Call Physical Plant at (951) 827-4214 (8AM - 5PM) or Steam Plant at (951) 827-4677 (after 5PM or weekends/holidays), then call UCPD at (951) 827-5222
- Report the location and hazards of machinery or operations that were interrupted

Elevator Failure:

- Report elevator failures to Physical Plant at (951) 827-4214 (8AM - 5PM) or Steam Plant at (951) 827-4677 (after 5PM or weekends/holidays), then call UCPD at (951) 827-5222
- If outside the elevator, try to communicate to trapped elevator occupants that help is on the way
- If trapped inside the elevator, use the elevator phone to request help, or activate the emergency alarm within the elevator (The elevator phone has no dial tone so do not hang up after picking up receiver)

Flooding/Plumbing Failure:

- Do not touch any electrical appliances
- Call Physical Plant at (951) 827-4214 (8AM - 5PM) or Steam Plant at (951) 827-4677 (after 5PM or weekends/holidays), then call UCPD at (951) 827-5222
- If it is safe to do so, lift valuable items above the reach of the water
Utility Failure - continued

Steam Line Failure:

- Leave the immediate area
- Call Physical Plant at (951) 827-4214 (8AM - 5PM) or Steam Plant at (951) 827-4677 (after 5PM or weekends/holidays), then call UCPD at (951) 827-5222

Ventilation Problem (odors):

- Call Physical Plant at (951) 827-4214 (8AM - 5PM) or Steam Plant at (951) 827-4677 (after 5PM or weekends/holidays), then call UCPD at (951) 827-5222 or Environmental Health and Safety at (951) 827-5528
Violence or Crime on Campus

Actions to Take

If you are the victim of, or witness any crime or act of violence on campus:

- Call 9-1-1 immediately (by phone, cell phone or pay phone), an elevator emergency phone or intercom; in a dire emergency, use a fire alarm pull station
- Be prepared to give the police dispatcher as much information as possible, including:
  1. Nature of incident
  2. Location of incident
  3. Description of person(s) involved
  4. Location or direction of travel of person(s) and/or vehicles involved
  5. Any obvious injuries to the victim or object
  6. Type of weapon (knife, pistol, rifle, shotgun, club, chain), if used
  7. Your name, location, department and extension number

Additional Information/Follow-up Activities

- Do not take unnecessary chances or put yourself at risk
- Never argue with or attack a person committing a crime
- Try to get a good description of the criminal if you can do so without putting yourself at risk, and write it down
  - Height, weight, sex, physical appearance, approximate age, clothing, method and direction of travel, perpetrator's name, if known to you or others at the scene
  - Note anything that was touched or held by the criminal
  - If the criminal leaves the area in a vehicle, note the type: make and model, license number (if possible), color, decals or stickers, or any outstanding characteristics
- If safe to do so, remain where you are until a police officer arrives
- Do not interfere with:
  - People who are committing a crime or creating a disturbance
  - Individuals behaving in an irrational or bizarre manner
  - Law enforcement or medical responders at the scene
- Provide a copy of the report to UCPD, call them at (951) 827-5222