

Emergency Procedures

Risk, Safety, & Resilience | rsr.gmu.edu | 703.993.8448

University Police | police.gmu.edu | 703.993.2810

Evacuate

If you discover smoke or a fire:

- Activate the fire alarm using a manual pull station and call 911.
- Evacuate the building. Do not use elevators.
- Assemble at a Designated Assembly Area. Individuals with access or functional needs should relocate to a safe location and notify emergency personnel if unable to evacuate.
- Await further instruction from emergency personnel.

Shelter-In-Place

During severe weather, a hazardous materials spill, or on-campus violence:

- Move to an interior room without windows and warn others in the area to move to a shelter area.
- Close and lock or block the door.
- Await further instruction / information from Mason Alert or emergency personnel.



Severe Weather

- Monitor television, weather radio, or radio for information about weather events.
- Find a hardened structure and shelter-in-place. Stay away from large objects that may fall.
- If you are unable to find shelter, lie down flat and cover your head with your hands.

Medical Emergency

- Contact 911 and be prepared to provide the location and details of the emergency.
- Provide first aid or medical assistance if trained and necessary.
- Utilize the Rave Guardian app or building Evacuation Plans to locate the nearest AED and emergency supplies.



On-Campus Violence

- RUN, if possible; HIDE, if escape is not possible; FIGHT, only as a last resort.
- If you receive a Mason Alert about on-campus violence, follow directions and shelter-in-place immediately.
- Warn others in the area, provide assistance as needed, and remain calm.
- Follow instructions provided by emergency response personnel

Power Outage or Utility Failure

- Contact Facilities Management (703.993.2525) to report the utility outage.
- Remain calm, turn off sensitive equipment, and exit the area if safety permits.
- Buildings without power, water, heating, ventilation, or air conditioning should not be occupied.



Suspicious Person or Package

- Never confront a suspicious person or handle a suspicious package.
- Contact University Police (703.993.2810) and provide as much information as possible about the situation.
- Leave the area and await further instruction from police.

Rave Guardian App

Scan the QR code to learn more about this resource.

Key Features:

- Call or message University Police with one click.
- Report concerning behavior or situations to University Police.
- Access virtual safety escort and university resources.



Wi-Fi Calling

Scan the QR code to learn more about this resource.

Key Features:

- Make phone calls and send text messages wherever Wi-Fi is available.
- Enable cell phones to automatically use Wi-Fi calling when needed.
- Available to use on your personal and / or university-managed devices.



Stay Informed

- Confirm your cell phone is registered with Mason Alert, and download the Rave Guardian app.
- Monitor Mason Alert and www.gmu.edu for information about emergencies and campus operations.
- Check local emergency alerts and news for information on regional emergencies.

Visit ready.gmu.edu

for more emergency preparedness information and resources.