Emergency Information — Botsford/Swinford

The information provided below is organized to inform and prepare you about different emergency response procedures. Please read this information to be better informed and ready should an emergency occur in your building. Your hall staff is available to answer questions about these procedures.

Notification

When a situation occurs on campus that involves a potential threat to the safety and security of students living in the residence halls, Ball State’s Crisis Management Team will send a text message to students who have registered for this service. Please register today at bsu.edu/emergencytext.

Severe Weather

In the event of a tornado warning, weather sirens will sound on campus. Proceed quickly to the lowest level possible in the building and to a location in the center of the building with no windows, as noted below. Please remain in this location until hall staff or other emergency personnel give clearance to return to normal activity. (Note: The weather sirens are tested on Fridays at 11 a.m.)

Locations fitting this criteria include the first floor restrooms and first floor center hallways with no windows.

Evacuation

Should building evacuation be required, the fire alarm will sound or other specific instructions will be given by Ball State personnel. Proceed quickly to the nearest exit and vacate the building from the nearest exit or per other instructions given. A floor layout, including stairwell and exit locations, is located on the back of your room door. After leaving the building, check in with hall staff at the location below. Hall staff or other emergency personnel will give clearance to re-enter the building when appropriate.

Botsford/Swinford - Students/guests gather in the H2 (blue) lot to the west of the building.

Intruder Alert

This building features a system that will activate when there is evidence of an intruder near or in your hall community. Instructions will be communicated through the voice feature of the alarm.

Other Notifications

Incidents that may compromise your safety and security related specifically to your hall (thefts, water outages, etc.) may be sent to your Ball State email address by the Housing and Residence Life staff. Please make sure to check this email account on a routine basis to receive this and other important information from the university.

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency: 911
University Police Department: 765-285-1111
Studebaker East Front Desk: 765-285-5049

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