



TEXAS A&M **INTERNATIONAL** UNIVERSITY
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

EMERGENCY QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

WESTERN HEMISPHERIC TRADE CENTER (WHT)

5201 University Boulevard, Laredo, TX 78041



EVACUATION ASSEMBLY AREA

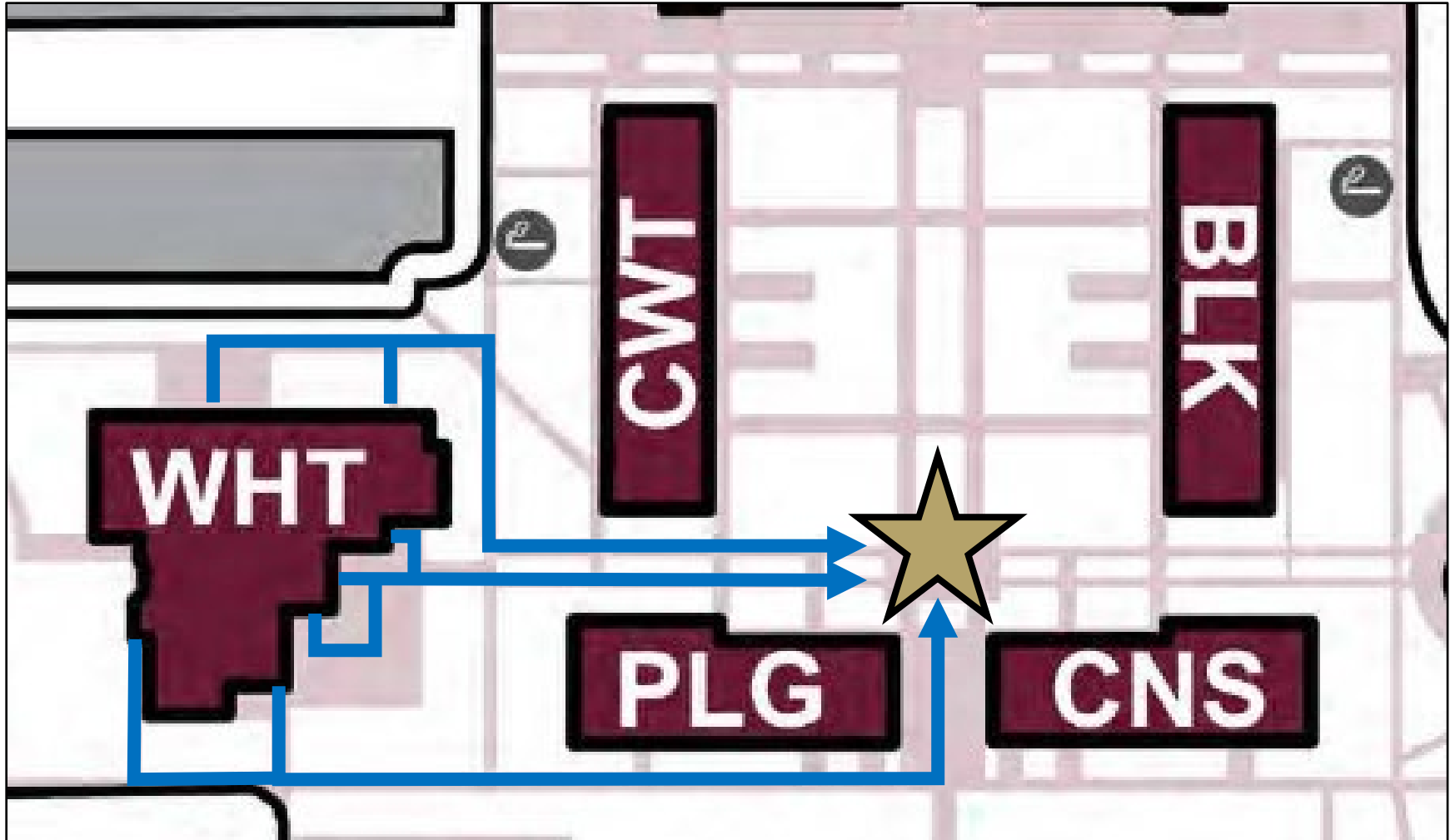
TAMIU Fountain

AED LOCATION

First floor by restrooms

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EVACUATION ASSEMBLY AREA



PROCEDURES



1. Dial **911** or **x2911 (956-326-2911)** for [University Police](#) to report fire location and extent.
2. Activate fire alarm to alert building occupants.
3. Evacuate the building, using nearest available exit*.
4. Head to your building's [evacuation assembly area](#).
5. Do not re-enter building until given "all clear" by University Police.

If unable to evacuate due to a disability or mobility impairment, assemble in your closest enclosed stairwell with a buddy and call **911 to report your location.*



1. If anyone brings a weapon into a campus building and begins using it maliciously, dial **911** or **x2911 (956-326-2911)** for University Police. Stay on the line with the dispatcher if possible.
2. Remember:
 - a. **RUN**
 - i. Leave the area immediately.
 - ii. Run in the opposite direction of the disturbance or gunshots.
 - iii. **DO NOT** stop running until you are in a safe area.
 - b. **HIDE**
 - i. Remain quiet.

- ii. Lock your door and barricade the entrance using furniture and other items.
- iii. Turn off all lights and call **911** or **956-326-2911**.

c. FIGHT

- i. Prepare to defend yourself and others.
- ii. Fight only as a last resort.
- iii. Improvise weapons with the intent of distracting and disrupting the shooter.

d. COMPLY

- i. When law enforcement arrives:
 1. Remain calm and follow instructions.
 2. Drop any items in your hands.
 3. Raise your hands and keep them visible at all times.
 4. Do not yell, scream, or point.



1. Check for safe conditions in area and assess victim.
2. Dial **911** or **x2911 (956-326-2911)** for University Police. Provide essential information, follow Dispatcher's instructions, and remain on the line.
3. While waiting, render whatever aid you can to victim and send someone to meet emergency personnel.



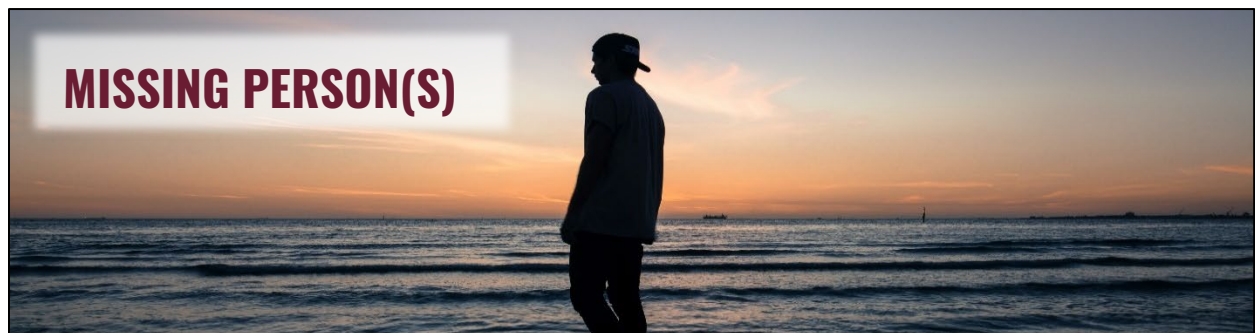
1. Make sure the scene is safe.
2. Dial **911** or **x2911 (956-326-2911)** for University Police and report location of spill. University PD will contact Facilities and [Environmental Health and Safety \(EHS\)](#).

3. If possible, alert others of spill and stay clear of area.
4. Do NOT attempt to clean spill if dealing with unknown substance.



If severe weather (lightning, tornado, hurricane, windstorm) is reported or seen in area:

1. Seek shelter immediately, preferably away from windows. A middle hall/corridor is best.
2. Listen for emergency info through TAMIU's mass notification system, [TAMIU SafeZone](#).
3. Seek shelter until hazard has passed.
4. If trapped, dial **911** or **x2911 (956-326-2911)** for University PD.



If you believe someone may be missing, dial **911** or **x2911 (956-326-2911)** for University Police. Stay on the line with Dispatchers if possible.



If you encounter wildlife on campus:

1. Stay away (animals are not domesticated)

2. Do not feed animals

If you encounter an injured/abandoned animal, do not approach, or touch it. Please report snakes to Facilities by dialing **x2325 (956-326-2325)**.



Report any issues related to water, electricity, natural gas, elevator impairments to TAMIU's Facilities by dialing **x2325 (956-326-2325)** or UPD by dialing **x2100** or **956-326-2100**.

DEFINITIONS

Emergency Assembly Area – A safer area outside of and sufficiently away from a nearby building, serving as a centralized location in which occupants should assemble for their safety. These are typically grouped with other buildings such that occupants from multiple locations can assemble in one area as a group.

Fire Alarm Pull Stations – Devices installed near exit doors and the ends of hallway corridors used to activate the building's fire alarm.

Note: Activation of the fire alarm does not activate a building's sprinkler system.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency Services: **911**

TAMIU Offices			
University Police Department	956-326- 2911 (emergency)	Office of Student Enrollment	956-326- 2273
	956-326- 2100 (non-emergency)		
Facilities	956-326- 2325	Human Resources	956-326- 2365
Environmental Health & Safety	956-326- 2194	Student Health Services	956-326- 2235

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION METHODS

TAMIU may use one or more of the following methods to deliver emergency notifications:



Mass Notification System



TAMIU SafeZone



Social Media



TAMIU Website



Local Media & Radio

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY REGULATIONS

The following fire safety regulations are in affect at TAMIU in accordance with local, state, and federal fire safety regulations and applicable A&M System policies.

The following items are prohibited in campus buildings

- Heat-generating appliances (e.g., space heaters, heating lamps)
 - Exception: Heating plates used in lab settings
- Candles or other open flames
 - Exception: Bunsen burners used in lab settings
- Flammable liquids (e.g., gasoline, diesel fuel, propane, butane)
 - Exception: Related items stored in original container and in appropriate storage cabinet in lab settings
- Extension cords used for permanent applications (i.e., other than temporary use - >8 hours)
- Electrical cord daisy-chaining (includes power strips)
- Indoor charging of electronic recreational scooters, bicycles, or other related items

The following must always remain accessible and/or unobstructed:

- Fire extinguishers

- Fire alarm pull stations
- Electrical panels
- Emergency notification devices
- Smoke detectors
- EXIT signs
- Emergency lights
- Fire hydrants
- Fire suppression sprinklers
 - Minimum of 18" clearance from ceiling to **any** object below
- Hallways
- Stairwells (including under/behind stairwells)
- Self-closing fire doors

Please also keep in mind the following:

- Keep clutter to a minimum (including artificial vegetation).
- Avoid hanging items from sprinkler heads or other fire protection/detection equipment.
- No smoking in any campus building
- No departmental storage in mechanical rooms
- Compressed gas cylinders must be properly secured at all times
- Connect large appliances directly to the wall (i.e., avoid using power strip(s))
- Do not tamper with any fire protection/detection devices (e.g., smoke detectors)