

## **POLICY: EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

As required by federal law, Yeshiva University has established the following procedures to address emergency situations requiring immediate notification to the campus community.

The University employs separate procedures that govern timely warnings of campus crimes that are sent to the campus community. This policy applies only in situations where the Emergency Response Group (as defined below) determines that there is an immediate threat of danger to the campus community.

### Immediate Notification

Immediate notification will be used in only those situations (e.g., severe weather, major fires and serious crimes) that occur on campus and involve an imminent threat to the health or safety of students or staff.

In the event of a significant emergency or dangerous event requiring immediate notification, the University will employ an alert system that includes any or all of the following: text-message, voicemail, email, the University's website, the University's hotline, and other available communication channels (which may include campus flat screens).

Alert System

The University maintains multiple systems for alerting students and staff about campus emergencies. The University provides alert messages to the campus community, via the YU ALERT system. To receive the above notifications, students and staff are strongly encouraged to register their cell phones, text devices, PDAs and land-line phones by visiting [www.yu.edu/yualert](http://www.yu.edu/yualert).

Emergency alerts are also sent to email addresses ending in “yu.edu.”

Annual Testing

The Security Department is responsible for testing the University’s emergency response and evacuation procedures at least once per year. These tests may be announced or unannounced. The Security Department is responsible for maintaining documentation for each test, including a description of the exercise, the date and time of the exercise, and whether the drill was announced or unannounced. The University will publicize (generally via e-mail but at times it also may use other forms of communication) its emergency response policy and emergency response procedures to all current students and staff in conjunction with at least one test per year.



<b>Emergency Response Group*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&lt; Senior Vice President</li><li>&lt; Chief Facilities &amp; Administrative Officer</li><li>&lt; Chief of Security</li></ul>
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