

SICE Emergency Information

This page contains information about emergency preparation and response in the School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering at Indiana University. It is designed primarily for faculty, staff and graduate students.

If you think something has happened that could be a threat to life or property, call 911 right away. You never have to pay for a response to a 911 call, including an ambulance response.

What kinds of emergency do you need to know about?

The good news is that Bloomington is a very safe place to live - it has a low crime rate, pleasant weather, good facilities, is safe from hurricanes and is unlikely to have serious earthquakes. However there are some things that we want you to be aware of. We recommend that you sign up for [IU Notify](#) to get alerts about emergency events on campus.

The first is **extreme weather**. Located in the central part of the country, Bloomington has a moderate climate, but occasionally the weather can cause problems, including a risk for tornadoes and thunderstorms with strong winds and hail, mainly in the spring, fall and summer months; and snow, ice and frigid temperatures in the winter months. Usually it is possible for forecasters to predict hours in advance whether severe weather is likely in our area, so a good way to keep on top of things is simply to check the [weather forecast](#) each morning: in particular, look out for a *hazardous weather outlook* and, if you like meteorological details, the *forecast discussion*. The [Storm Prediction Center](#) makes daily predictions of tornado and severe thunderstorm risk, and will issue "watches" if conditions are becoming particularly ripe for dangerous weather. If a severe thunderstorm or tornado is imminent, a *severe thunderstorm warning* or *tornado warning* may be issued. For a tornado warning, sirens will sound outdoors, and alerts will go out on radio and through other outlets. If there is a tornado warning, you should immediately go to the shelter areas in the building you are in, until you are told it is safe to leave - see the [SICE Emergency Procedures Poster](#) for details. Note that tornado sirens are tested on the first Friday of the month at noon. For extreme winter weather, monitor the weather forecast. Weather conditions can change quickly, and a few inches of snow can cause lots of problems on the roads. On rare occasions, IU will decide to close - so keep an eye on the [Campus Emergency Page](#). If IU does not close, instructors will have to make individual decisions about whether to run or cancel classes, and students have to make individual decisions about whether it is safe for them to get to campus.

The second is **fire**. This one is simple - if the fire alarm sounds in a building, immediately leave the building by the nearest exit using stairs, not elevators, closing doors if possible, and proceed to the one of the evacuation points around the building. For SICE buildings, these are listed on the [SOIC Emergency Procedures Poster](#). You can re-enter the building only when told safe by a firefighter or staff member.

The third is **medical emergencies**. Occasionally medical emergencies happen, from sprained ankles to heart attacks. If you are with someone having a medical emergency, the best thing to do is to immediately call 911, and tell the dispatcher the exact location, and nature of the emergency. A 911 call and ambulance response is always free, so in doubt, call. You can also call for help if needed. Any of the facilities team (the ones with two-way radios) can secure more help as needed. AEDs (defibrillators) are on the walls by the kitchen on each level of Luddy Hall (south wall in the basement) and are by the elevators in Info East ground and third floors and Info West ground floor. We encourage everyone to get trained in first aid, CPR and AED use, and [you can do this for a small fee at IU](#). At minimum, [check out the basics of CPR on Youtube](#).

The fourth is **shooting emergencies**. These are extremely rare, but of terrible impact if they do happen, which is why it is worth taking some steps to prepare. For more information, see the [Active shooter event information sheet](#) for instructors and faculty, and the [IU Run-Hide-Fight video](#).

Finally, **personal emergencies**. For a wide range of crises, emergencies and problems that occur in our personal lives, [Indiana University CAPS](#) provides counseling and support.

Emergency resources

General information

- [IU Emergency Procedures Poster](#), with broad guidelines on various emergency events at IU (PDF)
- [SICE Emergency Procedures Poster](#), with specific information for SICE members, including evacuation areas and tornado information (PDF)
- [IU Notify](#) for time-critical alerts for emergency events on campus

Social Media (great for generalized events like weather)

- [IU Emergency Management Facebook Page](#)
- [IU Emergency Management on Twitter](#)
- [Twitter List of local news outlets](#) - including relating to IU Bloomington
- [Bloomington Roads](#) - Facebook account for reporting accidents, traffic delays, etc.

Weather Emergencies

- See the [SICE Emergency Procedures Poster](#) for how to respond to a tornado warning
- [Official weather forecast and weather warnings](#) - for Bloomington
- [Regional weather radar](#) - from Weather Underground
- [RadarScope](#) - nice weather app for tracking storms
- [Storm Prediction Center](#) - makes daily predictions of tornado and severe thunderstorm risk
- [Indiana travel advisories](#) - particularly important during snow and winter weather emergencies
- [Duke Energy](#) - current power outages

Fires

- See the [SICE Emergency Procedures Poster](#) for evacuation areas

Medical Emergencies

- See the [SICE Emergency Procedures Poster](#) for how to respond to a medical emergency
- [Stayin' Alive basics of CPR](#)
- [Video of CPR/AED response to a cardiac arrest](#)
- [IU First Aid Program document](#) outlining appropriate response to injury and medical incidents

Shooting Events

- [RUN-HIDE-FIGHT video](#) - surviving an active shooter incident
- [Active shooter event information sheet](#) for SICE instructors, staff and faculty
- [Active shooter information from IU](#)

Personal Crises and Counseling

- [Indiana University CAPS](#) - counseling and psychological services for a wide range of issues