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Minneapolis Campus Emergency Guide



**Saint Mary's
University**

of MINNESOTA

**SCHOOLS OF GRADUATE AND
PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS**

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At Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, we value the safety of each member of our community. This document has been developed with you in mind. While the intent is to be comprehensive, additional personal safety precautions (to be determined by you, the individual) are recommended.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- Minneapolis Police/Fire/Medical Emergency **911**
- **Text to 911** – This service will allow individuals to text their emergency to dispatch if they are unable to call or it is unsafe to call
- If you are outside of Minneapolis city limits, but need an immediate Minneapolis Police response, call **612-348-2345**

TWIN CITIES CAMPUS SECURITY SERVICES

- **612-720-0417** (mobile phone monitored during business hours)
- Press the pre-programmed security button on Campus phones
- A security radio is located in each building

At Saint Mary's, a university safety and security committee is in place to review and discuss safety and security policies and update, engage in training, and implement the university's Emergency Response Plan. In addition, the committee works to mitigate crime and security risks on campus and conducts periodic threat assessments and emergency drills.

Saint Mary's University contracts its security services with GardaWorld Security Services. The security staff is available to provide non-emergency escorts from buildings to vehicles. The security staff is available by radio, located at each building's main entry reception desk, by calling **612-720-0417**, or by pressing the pre-programmed security button from any campus phone.

Guards will wear yellow safety vests during their shifts. This helps identify the guards to students, faculty and staff, and would-be criminals, especially when it is dark. One guard, if not more, will be posted visibly at the entrance of the LSH lot when classes are in session. Guards carry flashlights so in the event there is a suspicious vehicle or person, they can use the flashlights to let them know we are watching.

To enhance building security, all buildings are locked during business hours. Students, faculty, and staff need to use a fob or a Bluetooth access device to enter buildings. Access is provided upon course registration.

NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Blackboard Connect

The university's emergency communication system is the primary means of emergency notification. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to sign up for text and voicemail alerts to receive notifications regarding emergencies at the university. This system is intended for immediate transmission of specific information regarding an emergency to all areas of the university, including campus closure due to severe weather.

Through this notification system, information may be sent via voice messages to provided home, work, and mobile phone numbers; emails to email addresses; text messages to mobile phone, PDA, and other text-based devices; and TTY/TDD receiving devices for the hearing impaired. Voice messages and emails are not optional and will be delivered to the contact information you provide. To receive text messages, you must register your mobile phone.

To ensure Saint Mary's University of Minnesota has the most up-to-date contact information, please verify and update your emergency contact information in the Student Portal or the Faculty and Staff Portal.

The Minneapolis Campus Public Address (PA) System

All classrooms are equipped with telephones. In the event of an emergency, the phone system will be used to send a page message to all office and classroom phones.

SEVERE WEATHER-RELATED CLOSING

Minneapolis Campus

Weather alerts are posted on the Saint Mary's website homepage (smumn.edu) and on Saint Mary's Facebook page. Students attending classes on the Minneapolis Campus may also dial the general number, **612-728-5100**, and listen to the answering system's broadcast message which is updated to communicate weather-related cancellation information after an official decision has been made. Class cancellations are also broadcast on:

- **WCCO-AM 830 | wcco.com**
- **WCCO TV or KSTP-AM 1500 | kstp.com**
- **KSTP TV**

Rochester Campus

Saint Mary's students attending the Rochester Campus may tune in to **KROC (FM 106.9, AM 1340, or kroc.com)** or **KTTC-TV** for announcements. Weather-related cancellations will also be communicated, via email, by course faculty.

Off-Campus Sites

An individual decision is made for each site. Site liaisons and faculty members will be notified of the decision to cancel at a particular site. Voicemail, email, and calling trees, if previously arranged, will be activated.

GENERAL SAFETY TIPS

- Always carry this emergency preparedness pocket guide with you
- Pre-program emergency and non-emergency numbers into your mobile phone
- Sign up for Saint Mary's emergency notification system (text and other alerts)
- Read classroom information signs
- Know your location, locate nearest exits
- Be aware of your surroundings
- If you see something, say something
- Report suspicious activities or items
- Double check your course location before arriving on campus
- Adhere to parking guidelines or instructions from security staff

Fire

- Know your location and nearest exits
- In the event of a fire, pull the fire alarm
- Evacuate the building
 - a. Assist others in exiting the building
 - b. Do not use elevators
 - c. Stay near the floor
- Do not return to an evacuated building until you are told to do so by an appropriate official

Hazardous Weather including Tornado

- Take shelter, move away from outside rooms and go to the lowest level possible, and stay in a center hallway.
- If caught outside, lay flat in the nearest ditch, ravine, or culvert with your hands and arms shielding your head.

Students, staff, and faculty should assess the situation and then chose one or more of the following strategies to minimize risk to self.

Active Shooter

Run

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Keep your hands visible
- Follow the instructions of any law enforcement officers

Hide

- Hide in an area out of the shooter's view
- Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors
- Silence your mobile phone and/or pager

Fight

- As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger:
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter
- Yell

GENERAL INFORMATION

Minneapolis Non-emergency police information and Impound Lot 311 or 612-673-3000

Snow Emergency Information 612-348-SNOW (7669) TTY 612-673-2157

Hennepin County Emergency Management
612-596-0250 or emergency.mgmt@hennepin.us

Non-emergency Phone Numbers for Saint Mary's University

- Minneapolis Campus 866-437-2788 or 612-728-5100
- Minneapolis Campus Maintenance 612-728-5175
- IT HelpDesk 612-728-5100 ext 7800
- Rochester Campus 507-252-8133
- Winona Campus Operator/Campus Security
800-635-5987 or 507-452-4430

Parking

Parking on the Minneapolis Campus is free and available in clearly marked campus parking lots as well as on the public streets near campus. Parking passes are required and are distributed at the start of the semester for new students.

Lost and Found

Lost and found is available at the LaSalle Hall Reception desk. Items left in campus buildings will be held in lost and found for 30 days and then disposed of.

Campus Buildings

- La Salle Hall: 2500 Park Avenue South
- Martin De Porres Hall: 2450 Park Avenue South
- Mother Teresa Hall: 2440 Park Avenue South
- Saint Mary's University Center: 2540 Park Avenue South

Building Hours of Operation

Business hours vary depending on the University Academic Calendar. See website at **smumn.edu/academics/academiccalendar**

If you have questions about safety and security at Saint Mary's University at any time other than during an emergency situation, contact:

Minneapolis Campus GardaWorld Security Services
tcsecurity@smumn.edu

or

Ebony Johnson, Security Director
Email: ebjohnson@smumn.edu
Phone 612-728-5159



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