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# Campus Safety

Students  
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***Stay Calm, Be Informed, Be Prepared, Stay Safe***

Emergencies can happen anytime and anywhere. An emergency can result from a medical situation, be weather related (severe wind or snow), facilities related (fire), or involve terrorist or other criminal behavior. Whatever the reason, it is important to be prepared and understand the resources that are available to you. The College has a complete Emergency Response Plan that is available for your review upon request in the Administrative Services Office. It provides detailed information on what to do in the case of a particular emergency. Training is provided annually in a variety of settings. Please watch for publicized training programs and attend at least one per year.



## Be prepared

Be prepared both mentally and physically for the unexpected. While Western might be in the low risk category for crises such as terrorism, it doesn't mean it isn't possible. By preparing, you will be better able to respond during the stress of a real situation.

## Be Aware & Involved

- Pay attention to your surroundings
- Notice things like water leaks, broken glass, burned out lights, broken or unlocked doors, emergency equipment that does not work. Report these things.
- Avoid unsafe conditions due to overcrowding, poor lighting, or limited emergency exits.
- Note the presence of strangers and report odd behavior to Protective Services and/or your RA.
- If you are working in an isolated area, be sure someone knows where you are and when you are expected to return
- Report suspicious activity, packages or conditions.
- If you have lost your ID card or if your combination has been compromised, report it immediately. Do not share room combinations with anyone. Always keep your door closed and locked. Don't prop it open.

- Have a personal plan. How will you remove yourself from a dangerous situation? How will you make contact with family and friends during a crisis?
- Familiarize yourself with surroundings. Are there people in your classes who might need extra help in an emergency?
- Know the location of all exits from places on campus you frequent.
- Know the location of fire alarm pull stations.
- Know where to find the nearest phone if you don't have a cell phone.
- Lock your car and conceal valuable items left in the car.
- Never leave personal property unattended or out in the open.
- Review the Emergency Response Plan. Know where it is located.
- Don't hesitate to call 911 if you think an emergency exists.
- Attend annual trainings on emergency preparation.
- Know contact people's names and emergency phone numbers.
- Understand the Communication Plan so you will know how to get information in an emergency (part of the Emergency Response Plan).

# In the event of an emergency or disaster, you should:

- Remain calm, be patient, use common sense, think before you act, and give assistance as needed.
- Follow the instructions of College staff, Protective Services, and local emergency officials.
- Closely monitor news reports and emergency alert systems for news and instructions.
- Keep ready access to your required medication and phone numbers.
- Avoid crowded public areas.
- If you are uncertain what is going on, stay away from the area.
- Know where emergency devices are located.
- Know where emergency exits are.
- Make sure you have access to a good first aid kit.

## You should not:

- Use the telephone except to report the emergency.
- Use elevators.
- Jeopardize your life or the lives of others by attempting to save personal or College property.
- Light matches or candles or turn on electrical switches.



## Evacuation

If it becomes necessary to evacuate the building, it is important you remain calm, leave the building immediately, and exit in an orderly manner.

When evacuating, remember to:

- Assist people with disabilities. Call 911 and 307-922-4961.
- Take personal items with you (keys, coats, purses, etc.)
- Close doors behind you
- Always use stairs. **DO NOT USE ELEVATORS**
- Once clear of the building, move to designated gathering area.
- Do not enter the building until directed to do so by College Administration, Protective Services or other emergency personnel

## Shelter in Place

In some circumstances, evacuation is not the correct action. If we ask you to shelter in place, lock doors and close windows. Stay away from doors and windows and monitor campus communication for further instructions. Listen closely to messages on the alert system before you take action.

# Emergencies

In the case of emergencies, dial 911 and 307-922-4961. Housing students should call your RA after you have called for emergency assistance.

## Fire Regulations

- It is essential that fire lanes be clear of vehicles at all times. Don't park in these restricted areas.
- There are fire alarm pull stations throughout the campus. If you see a fire or smoke, pull the closest alarm.
- If an alarm goes off, evacuate the building. You should become familiar with evacuation routes and locations (found in the Emergency Procedures Plan). Exit the building quickly and calmly. Open only doors that are cool to the touch.
- If trapped, get close to a window, wave, and shout to get attention or use a cell to call 911 and report your location.
- Emergency evacuation maps can be found in classrooms and residence halls.

# Natural Disasters

- If you see a **tornado**, call 911 and call 307-922-4961. If you are indoors, go to the lowest floor and stay away from windows. You will be informed if we are moving people to the basement. **DO NOT USE ELEVATORS**. If you are outdoors, move away from the building, utility poles, and vehicles. Get to the lowest area.
- In the event of an **earthquake**, do not rush outdoors. Sit or stand against an inside wall or doorway or take cover under a desk, table or bench. Stay away from glass surfaces. If you are outdoors, remain there. Move away from power lines and stay in the open. Remember, aftershocks may occur at any moment with nearly the same force as the original quake.
- **Snow** emergencies can occur before or after you arrive on-campus. If classes are to be cancelled, announcements will be made through the normal communication channels. Announcements will also be made via local media. Care should always be taken in winter driving conditions and you should carry emergency items in your car.





## Criminal Activity

- If you notice criminal activity occurring, do whatever it takes to avoid becoming part of the incident.
- When you are safe, contact 911 and 307-922-4961. If you can, jot down what you saw so you can give Protective Services an accurate report.
- Be sure to make yourself available to Protective Services to complete a full report of the event.

## Threats of Violence

### Bomb Threat

- Details on bomb threat procedures can be found in the Emergency Response Plan.
- If you receive a call, do your best to keep the caller on the line and get as much information as possible.
- Call 911 and 307-922-4961.
- Report the Bomb Threat through the reporting form.



Report any concerning behavior by completing the reporting form on the Western home page at [westernwyoming.edu](http://westernwyoming.edu). Students are encouraged to report anything that is concerning to them.

## Violent Behavior, Threats to Personal Safety

- If you are a victim or a witness to an attack, contact 911 as soon as you are safely able to do so. If you are not able to make the call, ask someone to do it for you. Do what you can to protect yourself in the process.
- If you see an active shooter, stay calm. Take cover if you can. Do not put yourself into physical danger to protect others. Only confront suspects as a last resort.
- If you are taken hostage, remain calm, be patient and avoid drastic action. Avoid arguments and comply with requests. Expect the unexpected.

# Injuries & Medical Emergencies

Any injury or illness should be reported to Protective Services, 307-922-4961. If you think the incident is an emergency, call 911. Follow Bloodborne Pathogens Guidelines to handle situations where bleeding is occurring. If a person has fallen, struck their head or hurt their back or neck, **DO NOT MOVE THEM.**

- **Choking.** Do nothing if the victim is moving air by coughing or gasping. If no air movement, apply four abdominal thrusts by grabbing the victim from behind with your hands over the "belly button" area; quickly squeeze in and up.
- **Seizure.** Protect from self-injury. Keep victim comfortable until emergency personnel arrive. Watch for vomiting.
- **Shock.** Keep victim warm and calm, with legs slightly elevated, until emergency personnel arrive.
- **Bleeding.** Use protective dressing when available. Press directly on the wound with sterile gauze, sanitary napkin, or clean handkerchief. Maintain steady pressure for 5-15 minutes. If bleeding is from an arm or leg, elevate the limb until emergency personnel arrive.
- **Heart attack.** Defibrillators are located at the Swimming Pool Desk, Information Desk, and Library Desk. Instructions are simple. If possible, ask staff in the area to provide assistance.
- **Apparent overdose of drugs or alcohol.** Call 911 and 307-922-4961 immediately. If the person is throwing up, help them so they don't choke. If someone appears to be asleep, but you can't wake them, this is a serious warning. Call for help immediately. Remember, you can get alcohol poisoning from drinking too much.

# Sexual Misconduct, Harassment, & Discrimination

Sexual Misconduct and Harassment includes non-consensual sexual contact and intercourse, as well as stalking, domestic or dating violence, sexual exploitation, discrimination and other behaviors regarding sex, gender, or perceived gender that may have a discriminatory effect are prohibited. All students should be aware of their personal boundaries, safety, and understand consent.

Consent is the equal approval, given freely, willingly, and knowingly of each participant to desired sexual involvement. Consent is a conscious decision, indicated clearly by words or actions, to engage in mutually accepted sexual contact. Consent is voluntary and may be withdrawn at any time. Consent cannot be given when a person feels threatened, pressured, coerced, or is unable to give consent due to incapacitation or age.

Know that there are some things you can do to assure your own and other student safety:

- **Limit Substance Use:** Data suggests that approximately 50% of non-consensual sexual intercourse or contact on college campuses involved one or both parties consuming alcohol.
- **Be a Friend:** If you see someone in a situation that seems concerning, intervene. Pull that person aside, make sure they are ok or find a creative way to step in without being confrontational or putting yourself at risk.
- **See Something, Say Something:** If you see something concerning on campus report it. Help create and enforce a culture of respect.
- **Affirmative Action:** Ask for affirmative consent. If someone is silent, passive, or seems hesitant, stop sexual activity and communicate with your partner.
- **Keep Safe:** Follow many of the guidelines in this safety booklet to assure the safety of yourself and others.

If you are a victim of Sexual Misconduct, Harassment, and Discrimination you can report it to the following:

- Amy Galley, Title IX Coordinator, Room 1227, 307.382.1645  
agalley@westernwyoming.edu
- Mark Rembacz, Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Students, Room 3050D, 307.382.1899  
mrembacz@westernwyoming.edu
- Joy Adams, Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Employees, Room 3034, 307.382.1832  
jadams@westernwyoming.edu
- Report a Concern Online Reporting System found at westernwyoming.edu>Report a Concern, on your student portal page, or <https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?WesternWyomingCC>
- Report to local law enforcement. Please know that a report to campus authorities does not necessarily initiate a legal report.

## Statistics:

- 11.2% of all students experience a rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence or incapacitation (includes graduate and undergraduate students)
- Approximately 20% of female and 6% of male undergraduates experience a sexual assault.
- 21% of transgender, genderqueer, or gender nonconforming college students have been sexually assaulted.

(<https://rainn.org/statistics/campus-sexual-violence>)

## Computer Safety

Online communications like Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, YouTube, and others provide a great way to communicate with old and new friends. However, you do need to be aware that there can be safety issues if you post personally identifiable information that allows others to locate you or use information about you. **BE CAREFUL**

- Be aware that the moment you publish information on the Internet, it becomes public information. This means your parents or family, Western officials, and anyone else can login and look at information. If you are violating a College policy or the code of conduct and advertising that fact on one of these sites and it comes to our attention, you may be disciplined.
- Understand the settings of the provider you are using so that you are using privacy settings to control who has access to all of your information.





- Avoid posting information like your address, class schedule by time and location, social security number and bank account numbers.
- Be aware of the College computer usage policy, <https://www.westernwyoming.edu/consumer-information/policies-procedures/5000/policy-5420a.php>.
- Avoid downloading very large files that will utilize an excessive amount of the College's resources. If you are repeatedly warned about this, access to our networks may be terminated.
- Avoid illegal downloading and file sharing. Chances are you will get caught! If you download copyrighted music and videos without paying for them, be aware that the vendors such as Sony monitor the sites and they will contact us.
- Always question suspicious e-mail and instant messaging. DO NOT download files from e-mail sources you don't know. Even the most friendly e-mail, can contain an attachment that will harm your computer.

## Communication

In the event of an emergency on campus, we will make every effort to keep people informed. The following communication methods will be utilized. Please look to them for up-to-date information.

- Local radio stations (KRKK, KQSW, KSIT, KRFZ, KUGR, KVCS, KZWB)
- Office/Room phone notification
- Personal contact as appropriate
- College Web Site ([westernwyoming.edu](http://westernwyoming.edu))
- Mustang Radio 91.3 FM
- Messages via the college alert system
- College social media sites

## Important Phone Numbers

### Police/Fire/Ambulance

911

### Campus Emergency Phone

307-922-4961

### Protective Services

307-922-4961

### Physical Plant

307-382-1680

### Dean of Students

307-382-1644

### Wellbeing & Accessibility

307-382-1645

Any time you have questions about information in this document or in the full Emergency plan, contact Protective Services.

We encourage you to provide feedback regarding anything we can do to make our campus safer. Share your ideas with the staff in Mustang Central.

Western Wyoming Community College is an equal opportunity institution and as such prohibits discrimination and harassment based on race, color, gender, religion, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, political belief, genetic information, or any other applicable protected category or activity. The college ensures non-discriminatory practices in all matters relating to its educational admissions, programs, services, and activities as well as in all terms and conditions of employment.

Inquiries concerning Title IX and Section 504 may be referred to:  
Title IX & 504 Coordinator  
Western Wyoming Community College Wellbeing & Accessibility  
2500 College Drive Rm. 1227  
Rock Springs, WY 82901  
(307) 382-1652

Inquiries concerning Title VI & VII may be referred to:  
Associate Vice President for Human Resources  
Western Wyoming Community College Human Resources  
2500 College Drive Rm. 3034  
Rock Springs, WY 82901  
(307) 382-1832