Siren Alert Procedure

The State University of New York mandate 5606 requires as external warning system for the college community. A siren has been installed to alert the community in times of an emergency. The siren will be used to warn individuals in outside locations that an emergency situation is occurring. Additionally, the College has identified EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION COORDINATORS in each building so that there is a single person to contact in each building in an emergency situation.

Siren Tones

TEST TONE: The tone is a burst and last for six (6) seconds and will be tested every Sunday at NOON.

ALERT OF AN EMERGENCY: The tone is an up and down sound (modulating) lasting three (3) minutes. In the event you hear this tone, take immediate refuge in a building or vehicle. Additional means of communications will be activated including NY ALERT, mass email and voice mail, web page information, an emergency alert system audible alert on WUOW 104.7, cable channel 23, or click on SUNY Oneonta web page WUOW live stream. Additionally, University police will be communicating directly with each Emergency Communications Coordinator, custodian, grounds, trades, telecommunications personnel, and other personnel who carry portable radios on campus. You should seek out these individuals or the electronic means of communications and respond as directed.

A Shelter-in-Place procedure may be initiated. Therefore you will have one (1) minute to seek refuge in a building after the siren stops. This means the external doors on ALL buildings will be secured and your card access system WILL NOT WORK!

ALL CLEAR: This tone is a solid tone lasting thirty (30) seconds and will be sounded when the situation has been resolved.

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