



Emergency Reference Guide

SEVERE WEATHER

Due to its location in the Greater Los Angeles area the CSU Long Beach campus may occasionally be subject to severe weather. In the event of such an incident the follow guidelines should be followed.

Wind Related

Campus Community

Although rare, severe windstorms and tornados can occur in the Los Angeles Area.

If a severe windstorm occurs take cover in a building along an interior wall staying away from windows.

Drop to your knees with your back to the windows and knees together

Clasp both hands behind your head covering your neck

Leaning over bury your face between your arms and legs.

Close your eyes tightly.

Try to remain calm and stay in place until the windstorm stops

As soon as possible move away from windows and overhead fixtures.

Remain inside if it is safe otherwise evacuate the area

University Administration / University Police

The National Weather Service will be monitored for alerts and weather advisories.

A windstorm "Watch" is issued when a thunderstorm is expected to have winds in excess of 55 mph or a tornado may develop as a result of the storm and the storm is expected to move into a specific area

A windstorm "Warning" is issued when a thunderstorm has winds in excess of 55 mph or a tornado has developed and is within an expected area.

Following a severe windstorm assess the campus for injured persons and/or damaged facilities.

Any campus facility sustaining damage may be ordered evacuated for safety reasons. Any ordered evacuation is mandatory and will last until a damage assessment is completed and determination of habitability is made by a competently trained and authorized inspector.

University Police will normally maintain incident command on any multi-jurisdictional response to the incident. However, in the event of a mass casualty or search and rescue operation incident command will normally be transitioned to the Long Beach Fire Department upon their arrival at the incident.



The University Police Watch Commander will be responsible for ensuring that the appropriate level of notifications are made to the University Police Administration and that the appropriate reports are filed detailing the incident.

Heat Related

Campus Community

If severe or intense heat is predicted reduce outdoor activity to a minimum.

Drink plenty of hydrating fluids, such as water, and wear sunscreen.



Return to Normal Operations

If the incident has resulted in the evacuation of part or all of a campus building(s) then those areas will remain closed until the University determines:

The area is safe to occupy

All immediate police and rescue activity has been completed.

Any and all investigations or repairs have been completed.

There is no longer a need to keep the area closed.

NOTE: Some areas may remain closed longer than others.