



Dear campus community,

Welcome to a new academic year. UCI is committed to providing our community with effective and efficient public safety services that enrich the spirit and quality of life while keeping UCI a safe and inclusive place to live, work, and visit.

UCI takes your safety very seriously and encourages you to take appropriate precautions when learning, living, and working at UCI. The emergency management unit serves as the administrative unit charged with creating the framework within which the university can reduce vulnerability and sensitivity to hazards and cope with crises and disasters. The UCI emergency management unit takes an integrated approach to emergency management and continuity of operations to assist the university in preparing to respond to crises and disasters. Here is a recommended list to help you prepare in case of an emergency:

- Sign up for [zotALERT](#) and make sure to update your contact information if it changes.
- Download the free **With U • For U** mobile app ([App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)) to quickly access safety resources and report safety concerns.
- [Make](#) or [purchase](#) an Emergency Supply Kit.
- Make an [Emergency Plan](#) with your family and/or friends in case you need to leave campus.
- Review [campus emergency procedures](#).
- Know the difference between [shelter-in-place](#) for hazardous materials incidents and [secure-in-place](#) for police related activity.
- Learn relevant building evacuation routes, fire alarm pull-station locations, fire extinguisher locations, and [assembly areas](#) for buildings you are in most often.

Our commitment to safety extends to the many [blue light emergency phones](#) strategically installed throughout campus that provide a direct line to dispatch for reporting any emergencies. As an alternative to walking alone at night, a [nightly safety escort program](#) is available. Trained student Community Service Officers (CSOs) will meet you and escort you to your destination. Call 949.824.SAFE (7233) to request service. In addition, here's a link to a [personal safety brochure](#) that includes tips and advice to increase your security and what you can do to prevent becoming a victim of crime.

Request training for your department, class, or campus organization on the topics of classroom emergency procedures, active shooter/workplace violence prevention, and disaster preparedness on campus and at home by contacting Anne Widney-LeSage at [awidney@uci.edu](mailto:awidney@uci.edu) or 949.824.7147.

Please call UCI Police Department at 949.824.5223 or email [police@uci.edu](mailto:police@uci.edu) with any questions or comments regarding campus safety and emergency preparedness.

Sincerely,

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