



Emergency Management & Safety

Welcome to the Emergency Management and Safety Newsletter!

The purpose of emergency management is to increase UMW's capabilities to respond to hazards that threaten the campus, while preventing and reducing the impact of the hazards on the community. UMW is committed to the welfare of students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The emergency management program is designed to respect this commitment, maximize human safety, minimize danger, preserve property, and restore normal working conditions at UMW and the broader community.

Important Information

What a better way to start the school year than to build a plan for success! September is National Preparedness Month. Use [Ready 2022 Calendar](#) to build a plan for your success with monthly topics for preparedness resolutions and toolkits.

September – National Preparedness Month

Week 1: Sept. 1-4 Make a Plan

Week 2: Sept. 5-11 Build a Kit <https://www.ready.gov/kit>

Week 3: Sept. 12-18 Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness

Week 4: Sept. 19-25 Engage Your Community on Preparedness



October – Fire Prevention Safety Month

Fire Safety Prevention Week [Fire Prevention Week \(FPW\) \(nfpa.org\)](#) occurs October 9-12. This year marks 100 years of the fire prevention campaign!

October – Earthquake...DROP, COVER, HOLD ON!

International Shakeout Day is Thursday, October 20. [The Great SouthEast ShakeOut - Get Ready!](#)

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Here is a short list of items you should consider keeping with you on campus at all times.

- Water
- Food (protein bars, etc.)
- Medication
- Communication Plan
- Travel Plan
- Area Map
- Flashlight
- Phone Charger
- Cash/Change
- Car Keys
- Identification

**Consider extra supplies if traveling in your car or with family*

Safety is everyone's responsibility!

The first day of each month is a great time to inspect PPE, AEDs, first aid kits, safety equipment, fire extinguishers and other supplies. Remember to talk regularly about safety procedures with staff, students, and family.

NEW! [Seizure First Aid \(new poster link\)](#)

Effective July 1, 2022, the General Assembly requires employers with over 25 employees to physically post information about seizure first aid at a location accessible and visible by employees with a size of 8.5 inches x 11 inches.

March 2023 – Severe Weather Awareness Week, More to come!

April 2023 – Tornado Awareness, More to come!

Helpful Apps and Websites

- FEMA Mobile App [FEMA Mobile Products | FEMA.gov](#)
- Red Cross Mobile App [Mobile Apps and Voice-Enabled Skills and Actions | American Red Cross](#)
- US Department of Homeland Security [Plan Ahead for Disasters | Ready.gov](#)
- OSHA.gov Heat Stress App [Heat Safety Tool | Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(osha.gov\)](#)
- National Weather Service [National Weather Service](#)
- Virginia Department of Transportation [Virginia Department of Transportation - Home](#)

Back to School Safety

UMW Emergency Management and Safety and Residence Life partnered with City of Fredericksburg Fire Department for classroom and hands-on fire safety training with new and returning Resident Assistants.



UMW – Where Safety Matters!

What does UMW do for your safety? Here are a few highlights that make our campus a safe place to learn and work!

- **UMW Alerts** – Everyone receives emails and texts for quick and reliable notification of critical messages.
- **Guardian** – Download the app to complement UMW Alerts and to submit tips, set safety timers, share your location, and more.
- **Blue Light Phones** – A campus resource to call for emergency aid.
- **Fire Drills** – Practice makes perfect!
- **Area Warning System** – Outdoor warning system for specific hazards.
- **Alertus** – Desktop alerts for specific hazards.