

EMERGENCY WARNING and COMMUNICATIONS

Timely and accurate communication with the campus community during an emergency is essential for proper response and mitigation of the emergency. Depending on the nature of the emergency, the campus will be alerted through the use of audible alarms, public broadcast systems, campus phone and voice mail, e-mail, and text messaging systems.

Audible Alarms

In the event of an emergency that would require the evacuation of a building, the building's fire alarm may be activated. For a campus-wide evacuation, all building fire alarm systems may be activated simultaneously. John Carroll police or other first responders will direct you to campus evacuation shelters (see Building/Area Evacuation section of this guide, page 6) or other sites as necessary.

Public Broadcast Systems

In emergency situations when communication must be made to a group of people or those who are outside, a public broadcast system may be used. This may be done through building public address systems, emergency vehicle speakers, or by University officials with bullhorns.

Campus Phone and Voicemail Systems

In some emergencies you may be notified by the campus phone or a campus-wide voice mail. You may also be notified by phone if you are part of an administrative department phone tree.

E-Mail System and Website

In some emergencies you may be notified by a campus-wide e-mail. Additionally, there may be instructions, status reports or other information posted on the John Carroll website.

JCU Alert

In emergency situations that pose an imminent risk to the University community, you can receive a text message alert if you register with JCUAlert. JCUAlert is the University's text messaging system that will instantly and simultaneously distribute both an e-mail and text message to registered users.

The text message can be sent to cell phones, Blackberries, wireless PDAs, smart phones and satellite phones, and pagers. To register for this service, go to www.jcu.edu/alert.