



# General Campus Emergency Procedures Severe Weather

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## Definition:

Any dangerous meteorological phenomena with the potential to cause damage, serious social disruption, or loss of human life.

## Introduction:

Types of severe weather phenomena vary, depending on the latitude, altitude, topography, and atmospheric conditions. High winds, hail, excessive precipitation, and wildfires are forms of severe weather. Severe weather is caused by thunderstorms, downbursts, lightning, tornadoes, waterspouts, tropical cyclones, and extra-tropical cyclones. Regional severe weather phenomena include blizzards, snowstorms, ice storms, and duststorms.

## Procedures:

In the event of severe weather conditions, you should:

- monitor local weather.
  - Campus police may notify the campus of severe weather warnings, when possible/prudent to do so, using RamAlert.
  - You can also monitor the weather on local television, radio stations, internet weather sites, and NOAA weather radios.
- Stay calm.
- Warn persons in your area of the threat.
- Seek shelter and remain there until the threat is over.
- Report any damages to campus police as soon as possible (336-750-2911).
- Evacuate any damaged structures

**NOTE:** Each building on campus is equipped with a NOAA weather radio as an additional layer of notification to building coordinators.