

UNT Dallas Police Department CERT (Campus Emergency Response Team)

Goals and Objectives

- **Emergency Preparedness - Know What To Do!**

1. **What is CERT?** CERT (Campus Emergency Response Team) is a program that better prepares people to handle hazards and trains them in basic disaster response skills. CERT teams are comprised of volunteers who safely assist people in the campus community when first responders may not be able to do so.
2. **Purpose of CERT?** To enhance capabilities and resilience by providing assistance to members of the campus community excluding first responders.

Origin of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) developed the CERT program after examining the civilian response to disasters in Mexico and Japan in 1985. LAFD recognized that citizens are likely to be on their own during the early stages of disaster and that under these circumstances family members, co-workers, and neighbors will often spontaneously come to the aid of each other. While untrained volunteers can be very effective in aiding others, their lack of training puts them at risk for injury or death. For example, during the response to the 1985 Mexico City earthquake that claimed over 10,000 lives, untrained volunteers saved 700 lives, but 100 volunteers died in the process. In response, LAFD decided to develop and offer disaster response training to citizens so that during disasters volunteers can assist in a safe, responsible, and effective manner. LAFD piloted the first CERT training in 1986. Today, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the CERT program.

Emergency Situations

1. **Active Shooter**
2. **Bomb Threat Evacuation**
3. **Severe Weather Plan & Shelter in Place**

Active Shooter, Imminent Threat of Deadly Violence on Campus

Run, Hide, Fight

- Run-** Leave the building/campus if possible. Remove yourself from the threat. Even by unconventional means e.g. window.
- Hide-** Hide behind locked doors, under furniture, away from windows, close blinds and cut off lights to the room, as well as cell phone ringers. Call 911 or 3000 from a campus phone if you are unable to speak, leave the line open.
- Fight-** Prepare to defend yourself – “Do what you have to do”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0>

Active Shooter, Imminent Threat of Deadly Violence on Campus

- Clearance-** Wait for an “all clear” by Police
- False Call-** Do not be susceptible to false calls by the active shooter.

Profile of an Active Shooter

- A. According to Homeland Security: an **active shooter** is as an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, **active shooters** use a firearm(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims.
- B. Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Because active shooter situations are often over within 10 to 15 minutes, before law enforcement arrives on the scene, individuals must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation. In most cases, active shooters use firearms(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims. Individuals have been known to act without firearms such was the case in on April 2014 at Franklin Regional High School where 21 students were stabbed. It's for this reason that ALICE also uses the terms: Active Killer; Violent Intruder; and Active Assailant.

UNT Dallas Code Blue Emergency Phone List

1. North Lot#1 North Phone-1
2. North Lot#1 South Phone-2
3. Center Lot#2 North Phone-3
4. Center Lot#2 South Phone-4
5. South Lot#2 Southeast Phone-5
6. South Lot#2 Southwest Phone-6
7. North Building #1 Entrance-7
8. South Building #1 Entrance-8
9. North Building #2 Northeast Entrance-9
10. North Building #2 Northeast Courtyard-10
11. South Building #2 South Side Courtyard-11
12. Dart Walkway-12

Bomb Threat Evacuation

- Become familiar with evacuation routes and exits. Relay this information to people in your building/department
- Do not use elevators to evacuate
- Check upper floor stairwells where people with disabilities will move to await assistance in evacuation. If occupied, relay information to Campus Safety
- In the case of a bomb threat, turn off all electrical devices such as cell phones, radios, mp3 players, and other devices that can send or receive messages.
- If a bomb or suspicious package is found, DO NOT TOUCH the item Notify emergency personnel
- Secure- Sensitive Areas pending the severity of the incident
- Exit – the building immediately
- Take – Valuables and cell phones with you
- Assist – The disabled, elderly, and children
- Don't – Use the elevators

- Move at least a 100 feet from the building in the case of a fire and 300 feet minimum for a bomb threat.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pg7yVTBciWg>

Fire Alarm Evacuations

- A **fire alarm** notification appliance is an active **fire** protection component of a **fire alarm** system. A notification appliance may use audible, visible, or other stimuli to alert the occupants of a **fire** or other **emergency** condition requiring action.
- Be aware of the marked exits for quicker response.
- NEVER ignore the alarm, assume the alarm is false, or assume it is only a fire alarm test.
- Once outside the building, move away from the building. Meeting point for the campus will be the marked parking lots that sit directly across from buildings # 1 and # 2.
- Once outside, never re-enter the building until you are told to do so by the fire department or law enforcement.

Severe Weather Plan & Shelter in Place

- Secure sensitive areas-labs kitchens, cash registers
- Go to the lowest possible level (ground floor or lower)
- Seek interior hallways, rooms, offices away from glass.
- Take cellphones and valuables with you.
- Assist the disabled
- Avoid rooms with larger roof span such as gyms, cafeterias, and auditoriums.
- Wait for “all clear” from Police.

Suggested Campus Map Links

- Be aware of shelter areas and evacuation routes on the provided maps.
- http://www.untDallas.edu/sites/default/files/page_level2/dak0013/pdf/dal1-map.pdf
- http://www.untDallas.edu/sites/default/files/page_level2/dak0013/pdf/foundershall-map.pdf

Emergency Equipment

1. *Automated External Defibrillator (AED)*
 - a. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NI-P3ysiQSk>
2. *Evac-U-Trac (Emergency Evacuation Chair)*
 - b. 3rd Floor Northwest stairwell of Building 1 and Southeast stairwell of Founders Hall
 - c. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMg53KWUTDM>
3. *Fire Extinguisher*
 - a. Pass-Pull the pin
 - b. Aim-The nozzle at the base of the fire
 - c. Squeeze-The lever slowly
 - d. Sweep-From side to side

Personal Campus Safety Tips

- Always be aware of your surroundings
- Immediately report suspicious persons and behavior
- Know the locations of exits, stairwells, escape routes
- Avoid walking alone at night (safety in numbers)
- Avoid poorly lit and isolated areas
- Carry a personal alarm or whistle
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry, accessories
- Keep your cell phone with you
- Keep an emergency/first aid kit in your vehicle

Responding to a Campus Medical Emergency

Every Second counts. Dial 911 Immediately!

- Notify Campus Police- Keep the victim as comfortable as possible and (if trained to do so) apply first aid until help arrives.
- Heart Attack- No breathing or pulse-begin CPR and/or AED-(defibrillator) 100-120 chest compressions per minute.
- Stroke- Place the victim on his/her unaffected side and monitor the airway
- Excessive Bleeding-
 1. Place direct pressure on the wound
 2. Keep the wound clean and immobilized if possible
 3. Do not remove impaled objects
 4. Use tourniquet only if trained to do

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- Choking-
 1. Use five abdominal thrusts (Heimlich Maneuver)
 2. Repeat until airway is cleared
 3. If the Victim loses consciousness, lower to the ground and begin CPR
- Seizures-
 1. Place victim on floor, do not restrain/remove dangerous objects near victim
 2. Try to maintain an open airway by laying victim on side
 3. Do not place anything in victim's mouth, including fingers
 4. After seizure, do not attempt to awaken victim

UNT Dallas Police Department Phone Numbers

- Police Emergency.....911
- Police Dispatch.....972-780-3000
- Police From Campus Phone.....Dial Ext.3000
- Parking.....972-780-3009
- Lost and Found.....972-780-3009