

Mountain Lake Biological Station University of Virginia

DISASTER PLAN

Emergency Dial 911

For serious emergency, such as fire or personal injury:

Our “physical address” for 911 purposes is

Mountain Lake Biological Station

240 Salt Pond Circle

Pembroke, VA 24136.

Expect a minimum 20-minute response time.

Emergency Phone Numbers:

Police, Fire, Rescue 911

On Site Station Office Mark Larson
540-626-7196

Associate Director Eric Nagy
540-626-7159

Facilities Manager: Tom Mc Namara
540-626-7171 Station Residence
540-544-3054 Off-Site Residence
540-230-4339 Cell

UVA Campus Office 434-982-5486 (in Charlottesville)

UVA Campus Security 434-982-7166 (in Charlottesville)

Poison Control 800-451-1428

For all emergencies, alert building occupants and Station staff. **Air horns** and Dining Hall porch **bell** may be used.

For all **NON-EMERGENCY Disasters (minor accident, electrical failure, etc.)** contact any MLBS staff member immediately.

Please inform a member of the staff of any emergency even if you are taking someone to the doctor or hospital yourself.

Fire hoses are located at both ends of Lewis Hall, in the two small “sheds” on the mall lawn, on the sides of several cabins and at the north end of the laundry. Extinguishers are also available in the labs and cabins.

First aid kits are available on the Dining Hall porch, in the Stockroom, in the New Dorm kitchen, and in all state vehicles. In case of accident, do not move victim; wait for qualified person to assist.

Hospitals and Medical Offices:

The nearest **hospital** (Giles County Hospital) is in Pearisburg off Rt. 460 west of the Station. There is a larger regional hospital in Blacksburg (Montgomery County Regional Hospital) on Rte. 460 east of Blacksburg. The hospital should be notified by phone (Giles 540-921-6000, Montgomery 540-951-1111) before leaving the Station.

Giles County Family Practice Physicians 540-921-3636, Pearisburg
Carilion Family Practice, Blacksburg Primary Care Center of Blacksburg 540-951-9444
Primary Care Center of Christiansburg 540-382-4221
Pediatrics Associates of Blacksburg 540-552-7272
Dr. Wm. Isehour, Obstetrics and Gynecology 540-951-1550
After Hours Medical Clinic 540-552-0929

Other Emergency Contact Information:

Animal Care and Use / Occupational Health Offices at UVa (in Charlottesville):
Jeff Winsatt, IACUC Field Station Representative 434-982-4511
Sarah Hudson, IACUC Director 434-924-0238
Deborah Moody, IACUC Compliance Safety Officer 434-924-0238

Serious Weather Procedures:

Powerful and very fast-moving thunderstorms can result in flooding, hail, lightning strikes, and power outages in and around the station. If a storm is approaching take shelter immediately, secure doors and windows, and shutdown or unplug non-essential electrical equipment, such as computers.

Power failures are common and may last for many hours. Electrical generators are available for emergency use and powering of critical equipment (e.g. freezers). Following a power failure, critical equipment and facilities such as environmental chambers, animal rooms, and other devices are tended immediately by station staff to minimize impact on animals and mitigate damage to experiments and equipment. Opening rooms to fresh air and instituting more frequent water changes may be used to minimize impacts of refrigeration or airflow failures. Staff and investigators are on site 24h/day and can respond in minutes to any crisis.

Researchers and staff track storm activity so that field activity can be rescheduled if necessary to minimize risks to investigators and animal subjects.