



Hurricane Preparedness Plan

Being prepared for emergencies can reduce the fear, panic, and inconvenience that surrounds a disaster. **Students are encouraged to be ready to evacuate in the event New Orleans is threatened by a hurricane, by registering with SUNO's Text Alert System. Use the following link to signup: www.suno.edu/suno-emergency-text-alert-system.**

- Create a plan in advance with family members on what to do, who to call or where to go, if you are told to evacuate. Contact **Services for Students with Disabilities** (ymims@suno.edu) for updated information once you are settled. Students should choose several places to go. Reliable transportation should be considered. Keep telephone numbers of these destinations.
- **The University's primary concern is safety in the event of a hurricane threat during school hours. Students are advised to adhere to instructions from Campus Police.** Check the University Web site (suno.edu), social media and your SUNO e-mail account **FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS regarding closure and re-opening.**
- **For more information regarding hurricane evacuation by the city of New Orleans, please sign up for text alerts at www.nolaready.info. Anyone needing assisting, people with disabilities, evacuating can call the city hotline 311 or 504-658-2299. City officials are stressing the fact that there will be no shelters of last resort for mandated evacuations and the Smoothie King Arena will be an evacuation processing center to move residents without transportation to trains and buses at the Union Passenger station.**
- Safety experts recommend that your personal emergency plan include a printable contra-flow map (www.dotd.louisiana.gov).
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio or television stations for evacuation instructions.

Emergency Alert radio and TV stations for New Orleans area are WWL/870 AM or WLMG/101.9 FM WWL TV- Channel 4; WDSU TV –Channel 6; WVUE TV- Channel 26; WVUE TV- Channel 8; WLAE TV- Channel 32; WUPN TV- Channel 54, WYES TV- Channel 12.

Have an emergency disaster kit on hand:

- Flashlight with extra batteries.
- Portable, battery-operated radio and extra batteries.
- First aid kit and manual.

- Emergency food and water.
- Non-electric can opener.
- Essential medicines
- Cash and credit cards
- Sturdy shoes.
- Books, flash drives, laptops and other school supplies.

Maintain a list of the following important items and store it with the emergency supplies. Give a copy to another family member and a friend.

Special equipment and supplies, e.g., hearing aid batteries

- Current prescriptions names and dosages
- Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of doctors and pharmacist.
- Detailed information about the specifications of your medication regime.

Create a self-help network of relatives, friends or colleagues to assist in an emergency.

If you think you may need assistance in a disaster, discuss your disability with relatives, friends, and colleagues and ask for their help. For example, if you need help moving or require special arrangements to receive emergency messages, make a plan with friends. Make sure they know where you keep emergency supplies.

Many local emergency management offices maintain registers of people with disabilities so they can be located and assisted quickly in a disaster. City of New Orleans encourages special needs persons and **students with disabilities to register with them by calling 311 or 504-658-2299.**

Wearing medical alert tags or bracelets to identify your disability may help in case of an emergency.

Know the location and availability of more than one facility if you are dependent on a dialysis machine or other life-sustaining equipment or treatment.

If you have a severe speech, language, or hearing disability:

- When you dial 9-1-1, tap space bar to indicate TDD call.
- Store a writing pad and pencils to communicate with others.

- Keep a flashlight handy to signal whereabouts to other people and for illumination to aid in communication.
- Remind friends that you cannot completely hear warnings or emergency instructions. Ask them to be your source of emergency information as it comes over their radio.
- If you have a hearing ear dog, be aware that the dog may become confused or disoriented in an emergency. Store extra food, water and supplies for your dog.