

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: MLBS, 240 Salt Pond Road, Pembroke, VA 24136. Expect 20-minute response time.

Emergency Phone Numbers:

Local Police, Fire, Rescue	911
On Site Station Office	540-626-7196
<i>After Hours</i>	540-626-7171 (Caretaker)
<i>After Hours</i>	540-626-7159 (Associate Director)
UVA Station Office	434-982-5486
UVA Security	434-982-7166
Poison Control	800-451-1428

For lost persons or other lesser emergencies, ***ring the bell*** on the Dining Hall porch repeatedly.

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

Carillian 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. Isenhour, 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 -
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 (e.g. trapping) can be rescheduled if necessary to minimize risks to investigators and animal subjects.