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  
    After Hours: 540-626-7171 (Caretaker)  
    After Hours: 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.