Emergency Action Plan

Medical Emergency
- Call CMU Police at 412-268-2323 or use any available emergency phone or emergency beacon.
- If you know CPR, start chest compressions.
- If you do not know CPR, retrieve one of the numerous AEDs installed on campus, if possible.
- If an AED is available, open its case and follow the step-by-step audio instructions.
- Stay with the person until help arrives.

Fire or Explosion
- Activate the fire alarm and evacuate the building.
- If smoke is encountered while evacuating, stay close to the floor where air is coolest and smoke free.
- Feel the door with the back of your hand before opening it. If the door is cool, open it slowly. If the door is hot, or if smoke is detected on the other side, do not open it. Seek another way out.
- If you cannot exit, shelter in a safe place, call CMU Police 412-268-2323, text a friend or yell for help.
- Attempt to make yourself visible to responding authorities.

Active Shooter
- GET OUT immediately and run away from the gunman or from sounds of gunfire.
- HIDE in an area out of the shooter's view. Close, lock and block entry to your hiding place, turn off lights and silence your cell phone or any other devices.
- FIGHT as a last resort and only if you are in imminent danger. Attempt to incapacitate the shooter. Act with physical aggression.

Hazardous Materials
- Evacuate the area and activate the building fire alarm.
- Call CMU Police at 412-268-2323.
- If the material spills on you, remove your clothing and use a safety shower or drench hose.

Building Evacuation
- If an alarm sounds, evacuate immediately — but don’t run.
- Do not use elevators.
- Move away from the building and to a designated meeting area.
- While exiting, move far away from the building's exterior to assure your safety and to provide ample room for firefighters and emergency equipment.
- Do not reenter an evacuated building until it has been determined safe to do so.

Shelter in Place
- Certain incidents like severe weather or hazardous spills may require sheltering in place.
- Take shelter in a windowless interior room or hallway.
- Lock doors and windows.
- If outside, enter the nearest building.
- Stay indoors until instructed otherwise.

Flooding
- Move to a safe location.
- Call CMU Police at 412-268-2323.
- Do not walk through floodwater — it may be contaminated or contain a live electrical current.
- Do not drive a vehicle through floodwater.

Severe Weather
- A severe weather WATCH provides lead time for monitoring a possible worsening weather condition.
- A severe weather WARNING means that severe weather is imminent. Move to a safe location.
- High wind of more than 40 miles/hour for sustained or 60 miles/hour for gusts
- Lightning (within 10 mile radius)
- Severe thunderstorm or when thunder is heard
- Tornado
- Extreme heat (heat index greater than 115° F for any period or 105° F for more than 3 hours)
- Cold wind chill (index below -19° F)

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