

EMERGENCY ALERTS

The University of North Dakota has an emergency notification system called NotiFind for reaching students, faculty and staff. In case of a campus emergency, NotiFind can be used to send out a message by telephone or text. Additionally, emergency information will be communicated through the use of e-mail, UND's website, cable channel 3 and residence hall channel 17, and the local media. Information on the status of UND activities can also be obtained by calling 777-6700. To read more about NotiFind, please visit the NotiFind website at <http://www.safety.und.edu/NotiFind/index.html>

The Grand Forks community has an Emergency Alert System that may be activated for many different reasons. Some examples include: tornadoes, floods, wind storms, terrorist/war threat, or chemical spills. These emergencies often occur with little or no warning. Typically, notification of emergencies having immediate potential for injury or death will be initiated by the sounding of the city sirens. Whenever you hear these sirens, immediately go inside and turn on either a radio or television. Local stations will provide the appropriate instructions relative to the emergency. These instructions may be to evacuate the area/neighborhood or seek shelter inside a building. For special hazards, specific instructions also will be provided (place wet towels under doors, turn off furnace, etc.).

UND is in the process of installing a campus siren system. The system will function like the city system, except UND will activate its siren independently from the city. The UND Siren will also have the capability of broadcasting audible messages after the warning tone is sounded. This audible message capability will be used by UND to communicate special instructions when needed.

EMERGENCIES/SEVERE WEATHER

Although such occurrences are rare, severe weather conditions and other emergencies sometimes require the University of North Dakota (UND) to suspend services in order to protect public health and secure the campus. Each individual has the ultimate responsibility of deciding for himself or herself whether conditions are safe. The exercise of common sense is urged. UND's Severe Weather Policy considers the situation of the campus as a whole. The University will suspend services only under extreme circumstances so that the minimum number of students will lose educational time or opportunity.

Official closing of the University or cancellation of classes will be announced through the UND Emergency Alert process. Conditions will be monitored regularly by emergency personnel, and updates to the campus community will normally be issued by 6:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

To read additional information about Severe Weather Emergencies, please visit this site:

<http://www.safety.und.edu/policy/manual/emergency/emergency.html#epsw>