THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE

FACULTY RESPONSIBILITY DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER
AND OTHER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

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Purpose To establish a policy for faculty responsibility during inclement weather and other emergency conditions.

Policy When the campus warning siren is sounded or faculty and students are notified through the campus emergency notification system indicating the presence of tornado activity, faculty conducting classes should take immediate action to direct students to designated areas for their safety. Campus buildings have internal “shelter” locations noted on the posted building plans that are intended to be used by building occupants during tornado and stormy weather emergencies.

When the building alarm is sounded indicating fire, smoke, or similar hazards, faculty conducting classes should take immediate action to direct students to exit the building using the designated routes. Each campus building has an emergency evacuation/egress plan for use when fire, smoke, or similar hazards may be present in the building. If a person has mobility impairments then they should proceed to or be placed in an area of refuge and UAH Campus Police and the Huntsville Fire Department personnel on scene should be notified by the floor captain.

Resolving missed class time will remain at the discretion of the faculty following administrative guidelines.

No policy can cover every potential emergency situation, so this policy covers the most common. Fortunately, emergencies and inclement weather days are infrequent, but these are the guidelines for when they occur. For more detailed instructions, please refer to the Emergency Preparedness Handbook.
Review

Academic Affairs will review the policy every five years or sooner as needed.

Approval

Chief University Counsel

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

APPROVED:

President