

Campus Evacuation Outline

About

This brochure is designed to assist our campus community in preparing for future emergencies by familiarizing students, faculty, and staff with emergency response procedures and resources designed to protect them and others in an emergency situation.

Response Plan

In the case of an on-campus emergency, UCSB has extensive contingencies in place for effective evacuation & securing-in-place orders that also consider those with functional needs:

- [Emergency Assistance Program](#)
- [Disabled Student Program](#)
- Assembly Points
- Support Facilities
- Transportation Partnerships
- Traffic Management Systems

Situational Scope

The plan considers the potential hazards that may necessitate evacuation, including wildfires, tsunamis, earthquakes, hazmat releases, civil disturbances, and terrorism.

While the plan only applies to the university campus, UCSB is still committed to the safety of students living in off-campus UCSB-owned housing.

Default Response

Securing-in-place is the preferred and default option as it avoids the risks of wide-scale evacuation.

UCSB is equipped with resources to care for the population during a secure-in-place: this includes two university shelter trailers that, in addition to contributions by the Care & Shelter and Food & Water Departments, store basic necessities such as cots and blankets.

Threat Profile

While the likelihood of a full-campus evacuation is extremely low, the university may resort to an evacuation of the immediate area for chemical leaks, localized fires, or a hostile intruder. A shelter-in-place order would be a more likely response to these events.

Since UCSB is situated high above sea level, the probability of evacuation is even lower for earthquakes or tsunamis.

Past Emergencies

Since 2015, the past 8 campus-wide emergencies have not resulted in full campus evacuations.



Evacuation Routes

Two major roadways, Los Carneros and Highway 217, will be used during the evacuation, but the exact route will be determined by operations personnel. Ocean Road and Sabado Tarde Gate may also be used. In cases of pedestrian evacuation, pedestrian routes will be chosen to avoid heavy vehicle traffic. Obern Trail Bike Path and Isla Vista roads may be used.

Shelters

UCSB provides equipped care facilities following an evacuation. These centers will be chosen based on the situation and optimal location. If residence halls cannot be occupied after a disaster, students will be directed to emergency shelters.

Communications

UCSB uses various communications channels to disseminate evacuation and shelter-in-place notifications, including UCSB Alert, campus email distribution lists, outdoor warning speakers, campus radio station 91.9 FM, and the campus emergency information line (888-488-UCSB).

Click [here](#) for a complete list of emergency resources and county-wide emergency communication channels such as [ReadySBC](#).

Assembly Points

Following an evacuation, community members must gather at designated assembly points and account for their presence. Students can check in with resident advisors or alert the University through the Student Affairs call center, while faculty can use telephone tree lines.

After gathering, individuals with personal vehicles can access them if safe. Others will be directed to transportation access points or staging areas for evacuation.

Campus Re-Entry

Re-entry will be determined by the Chancellor and campus leadership. Updates will be provided throughout the incident. UCSB's call center may be used by community members to seek assistance for re-entry if needed.

Transportation

UCSB has contract agreements with Santa Barbara Airbus, Rockstar Transportation, and the Santa Barbara Metropolitan District for transportation during an evacuation. Housing and Residential Services have also adopted plans for students without personal vehicles to provide transportation.

Traffic Management

Traffic management during an evacuation will be handled by UC Police and Parking Services using resources such as barricades, cones, and road signs. Contraflow may also be implemented. The California Highway Patrol will manage off-campus traffic.

[Traffic Map](#)



[Assembly Map](#)



[Emergency Response Procedures](#)



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