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ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES FOR ALERTING, EVACUATING, AND SHELTERING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES DURING AN EMERGENCY

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The University recognizes that individuals with disabilities may require assistance with alerting, evacuation, and sheltering in the event of an emergency.

Twice a year, the University will ask all faculty, students, and staff if they will require assistance in an emergency. Self-identification is voluntary; the purpose of the request is to assemble information to assist in alerting, evacuating, or sheltering individuals in case of an emergency.

Individuals who believe that they may need assistance during an emergency should complete the confidential Self-Identification Questionnaire. The Questionnaire is available on the University's Disabilities website:

<http://provost.uchicago.edu/initiatives/disabilities.shtml>; and on the Safety Office

website:
http://safety.uchicago.edu/4_6appendixa.pdf

Once an individual submits a Self-Identification Questionnaire, OSEA will work with the individual, his or her supervisor, resident assistant (if applicable), and the relevant building manager(s) to develop a Personal Emergency Plan for assisting that individual in evacuating or sheltering-in-place in case of an emergency.

Further, as part of the Personal Emergency Plan process, the University will ask the individual with disabilities to identify at least two "Rescue Assistants" capable of offering assistance in evacuating during an emergency.

Area of Rescue Assistance: Certain newer University facilities contain "Areas of Rescue Assistance."

Priority Rescue Area: Older buildings (constructed before the 1990s) usually will not have Areas of Rescue Assistance.

Stay in Place. In circumstances where evacuation is not possible and removal to an Area of Rescue Assistance or Priority Rescue Area is not practical (*i.e.*, if a pathway is impeded), it is recommended that a person with a disability stay in place, for example, in their office or dormitory room.

All University employees are required to undergo Fire Safety and Evacuation training at hire and on an annual basis thereafter. Students receive Fire Safety and Evacuation information during orientation, and those students living in University dormitory housing also participate in fire drills.

The University will also train UCPD, Rescue Assistants, supervisors, and facility managers in identifying and assisting persons who may need assistance in an emergency and the location of designated safe areas.

Practice will instill confidence in one's ability to cope in an emergency. It will also do more than anything else to assure that appropriate lifesaving actions will be taken during a real emergency. Practice consists of walk-through procedures, announced drills; and/or surprise drills.

CONTACT INFORMATION & EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

FROM UNIVERSITY PHONE: 123

**FROM ANY NON-UNIVERSITY PHONE:
773-702-8181**

**SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:
773-702-9999**

Welcome to CAPS!

We're open

8:30 a.m. to 5:00p.m.,

Monday thru Friday.

Please visit our

website for more

information at

<http://caps.uchicago.edu>.



CAREER ADVISING AND PLANNING SERVICES (CAPS)

CAPS endeavors to support you in exploring a wide variety of career options. We provide support to you at any stage of your degree program on campus and welcome students from across the university. We provide professional and confidential career counseling, job-search advising, recruiting, practice interviews, and other career resources.

Have questions about if, how, or when you should disclose your disability to a potential employer? Set up a meeting with Heather Sevener, or one of the other career staffers at CAPS, by calling (773)702-7040.

Please visit our website for more information at <http://caps.uchicago.edu> or stop by our Career Resource Center on the 3rd floor of Ida Noyes Hall. We're open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00p.m., Monday thru Friday.

IN THE CAPS CAREER RESOURCE CENTER

Careers and the disABLED Magazine

Successful Job Search Strategies for the Disabled. Allen, J.

Job-hunting for the So-called Handicapped or People Who Have Disabilities. Bolles, R.

Job Search Handbook for People With Disabilities. Ryan, D.

College and career success for students with learning disabilities. Dolber, R.

JOB SEARCH RESOURCES

Career Opportunities for Students with Disabilities (COSD) Career Gateway/<http://cosdonline.org>

Quintessential Careers —Career Resources for Disabled Americans/
<http://www.quintcareers.com/disabledcareerresources.html>

UChicagoTRAK/<http://caps.uchicago.edu/uchicagotrak>

DID YOU KNOW...

October is—National Disability Employment Month



In an effort to raise awareness in the American public regarding disability and employment Congress enacted October as the “National Disability Employment Awareness Month”. This law was enacted in 1945 to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions into the society of individuals with all categories of disabilities. In this sense, this month celebrates several events and programs to recognize the contributions that individuals with disabilities have made.

Thresholds Science, Service and Recovery Conference

This two-day conference will advance innovative ideas and research on the convergence of science, service and recovery for individuals with severe mental illness. This groundbreaking event promises to bring academic researchers, providers, government leaders, consumers and family members together to discuss emerging best practices and service needs.

When: October 2, 2007

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza

350 W. Mart Center Drive, Chicago

For more information visit the web: <http://www.thresholds.org>

Disability Mentoring Day Promoting an Inclusive Work Place

Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) promotes career development for high school students and job seekers with disabilities through job shadowing and hands-on career exploration program that is a centerpiece of AAPD’s (American Association of People with Disabilities) efforts to promote fulfilling careers and economic empowerment for the millions of students and job seekers with disabilities.

When: November 7, 2007

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington, Chicago

For more information call 312-744-7071/312-744-4964 (TTY)

Or visit the web: <http://www.dmd-aapd.org>

Twenty
percent
of all
Americans
have
disabilities,
and
more than
600,000
people with
disabilities live
in Chicago.

(Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities)

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION YOU SHOULD HAVE

(773) prefix for campus numbers

834-HELP/help.uchicago.edu:

A University supported referral service that connects students, staff and faculty to a range of resources both on campus and in the Chicago community.

EMERGENCY/University of Chicago Police

From University phone	123
From any Non-University Phone	702-8181
Safety and Environmental Affairs	702-9999
Dean on Call/Sexual Assault Dean on Call	834-4357

CAMPUS LIFE/STUDENT AFFAIRS

Office of Vice President and Dean of Students (VPDoS)	834-4469
Library Services for Users with Disabilities	702-8718
Regenstein Library, Access Service	702-8626
Safe-ride Program	702-2022
Facilities Services	834-1414
Undergraduate Housing	702-7366
Real Estate Operations	753-2200

STUDENT CARE CENTER (SCC)

SCC-Appointment Line	702-4156
SCC-Nurse Line	702-1915
SCC Physician-on-Call (after hours)	702-6840
SCC Urgent Care/Saturday Clinic	834-4630

STUDENT COUNSELING RESOURCE CENTER (SCRC)

SCRC After-hours	702-3625
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DEANS OF STUDENTS

The College	702-8615
Social Sciences Division	702-8415
Division of Humanities	702-1552
Biological Sciences Division	702-1939
Physical Sciences Division	702-8789
Graduate School of Business	702-1939
Law School	702-9884
The Pritzker School of Medicine	702-1939
Divinity School	702-8217
SSA	702-1126
Harris School	702-8401
ORCSA	702-4547
College Programming Office (CPO)	702-8616

Relay Center

Emergency Phone (TTY) on campus phone.	711
Emergency Phone (TTY) off campus phone	9-911
Any Emergency - TTY and TDD Users	911
TTY Non-University Phone	124
	795-1204

In the event of an emergency, TTY users should call 911 directly, and not make a TRS call via 711.