

From: Virginia Tech Police Department and Emergency Management

The safety of our students, faculty, staff and community is a top priority for Virginia Tech. We take this responsibility very seriously because safe living and learning environments are more healthy, respectful, and productive. Our professional, accredited [Police Department](#) and [Emergency Management](#) teams work together with our well-trained [Housing and Residence Life](#), [Cook Counseling Center](#), [Schiffert Health Center](#), and [Dean of Students](#)' staffs and other employees from across campus to build, improve, and sustain university resilience, departmental readiness, and individual preparedness.

We encourage every member of the campus community to **“Be Hokie Ready”** – to actively engage in basic emergency preparedness efforts. We recommend all members of the university community take these simple steps to begin:

- Call 911 to report or request assistance during an emergency.
- Subscribe to [VT Alerts](#).
- Download the [LiveSafe mobile app](#). This tool has several beneficial features, including important “What to Do in an Emergency” information; navigation instructions for the Blacksburg campus; SafeWalk “virtual escort” monitoring; and the ability to share reports of suspicious activity.
- Program the non-emergency number for the Virginia Tech Police Department in your cell phone: 540-382-4343.
- Take the [No Hokie Left Behind pledge](#) and share it on social media using #nohokieleftbehind. Remember: Go with Friends, Stay with Friends, and Leave with Friends!
- Learn the difference between [Secure in Place, Shelter in Place, and Evacuation](#).

On campus residents should meet the [Resident Life Resource Officers](#). Their office is located on the first floor of New Residence Hall East. Students can contact resource officers by phone at 540-231-6102 or via the [RLRONation Facebook](#) page.

Though safety of the Hokie Nation is a collective responsibility, it does require action. Individual emergency preparedness is the first and most important step in creating a resilient university environment. Do your part by completing the actions above. Your partnership helps ensure every community member can live, learn, and work in a safe and supportive environment.