

TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- Call 9-1-1
- NOVA Police at 703-764-5000
- Use the LiveSafe App www.LiveSafeMobile.com
- Or press the Panic Button located on all NOVA College desk phones

SAFETY PREPARATION

Your ability to react effectively during an emergency takes preparation. The Office of Emergency Management and Safety wants you to be prepared. To start, you should know the locations of: the two safest and most direct evacuation routes (see posted evacuation route signs in classrooms), the locations of designated Assembly Areas outside the facility, shelter-in-place areas for a severe weather event, and the nearest automated external defibrillators (AEDs). For additional emergency preparedness information, visit the Office of Emergency Management and Safety website at www.nvcc.edu/emergency.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

In the event of an emergency, you may be notified by various means depending on the emergency. Some of the ways you may be notified include:

- text messaging through **NOVA Alert**.
 - **NOVA Alert** is a free notification service. You are automatically signed up for email alerts through your VCCS email address and any cell phone number you provide the College at the time you registered. To add an additional cell phone number or email account, you must register them by going to <http://alert.nvcc.edu>.
- classroom telephones
- computer pop-ups
- digital flat panels
- social media through <https://www.facebook.com/NOVACommunityCollege> and <https://twitter.com/novacommcollege>,

NOVA uses some or all notification channels to notify you. For a complete list, visit the NOVA website at <http://www.nvcc.edu> and search for Alert Notification Systems.

FIRE/EVACUATION

- Activate the nearest fire alarm and call 9–1–1 if possible. If there are no fire alarms, knock on doors and yell “fire” as you exit the building.
- Evacuate the building. Do not use elevators!
- Feel closed doors with the back of your hand. Do not open if doors are hot.
- Move well away from the building when evacuating. Assemble at designated assembly areas.
- Do not re-enter the building until cleared by authorized personnel.

SEVERE WEATHER/SHELTER-IN-PLACE

- If the area is under a Severe Weather/Tornado **WARNING**, or if notified to shelter:
- Seek shelter immediately in a Severe Weather Shelter Area or go to an interior hallway or room; the lowest level in the building; and/or an area free of windows or glass.
- Protect your body from flying debris with any available furniture or sturdy equipment.
- Use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- Wait for the “All Clear” before leaving your shelter area.

VIOLENCE/ACTIVE SHOOTER

Determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life and call 9–1–1, 703–764–5000, or use the LiveSafe App when it is safe to do so.

- **Run** and evacuate if you can. This may be your best chance of survival. Have an escape route in mind. Leave valuables behind and keep hands visible.
- **Hide** in an area outside of the shooter's view. Block entry to your hiding place and lock doors. Turn off lights and silence electronic devices.
- **Fight** as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger. Attempt to incapacitate the shooter. Act with physical aggression. Then run to safety.

Closing/Class Cancellations

If the College is closed or delayed for any reason, a text alert will be sent to cell phones registered on **NOVA Alert** and a notice will be posted on the home page of the College's website. In addition, a message will appear on our cable television station and on local radio and TV stations. The home page of the College's website will always have the most reliable and up-to-date information about closures or delays. Please familiarize yourself with the College closure Color Code System at [Color Coded Closure](http://www.nvcc.edu/emergency)