



# CAMPUS EMERGENCY PHONES

If you have an emergency on the UW Seattle campus, you can get help using an emergency phone or other alert system that will connect you with the UW Police Department (UWPD).

## OUTDOOR PHONES

### Phone towers

Blue emergency phone towers are located throughout the Seattle campus. **Press the button** to automatically dial the UWPD. A blue flashing light will indicate your location and that immediate help is needed.



These phones can also broadcast emergency messages on campus; they are part of the UW's [outdoor alert system](#). You can find emergency phone towers on the [UW campus map](#).

### Other emergency phones

Other emergency phones are available on campus. Most of these phones are located in parking garages on the Seattle campus and will automatically dial the UWPD.



## INDOOR PHONE AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

### Elevators and areas of refuge

Many buildings on the Seattle campus are equipped with phones in elevators and in areas of refuge that connect directly to the UWPD. These phones allow you to communicate that the elevator has failed or that you have reported to an area of refuge in a building during a building emergency or alarm activation.

## Indoor alert system

The University's indoor alert system notifies building occupants of emergencies on campus. Messages will either be audible or visual. Indoor alerts supplement the [UW Alert System](#), which sends text messages to registered phones (Sign up to get alerts on your portable device).

- **Audible messages** originating from the UWPD or the UW Crisis Communications team will be broadcast through fire alarm speakers in most larger buildings. First responders (fire and police) will have the ability to over-ride recorded messages with building-specific instructions if necessary.
- **Text reader boards and horns** are provided in many smaller buildings to alert occupants. In these buildings, a horn will sound and a strobe will flash indicating an alert has been received; the sign beneath the horn/strobe gives the location of the nearest reader board. The information provided through the reader board is limited. More information about the incident is often available on the [UW website](#) and through the [UW Alert Blog](#).

## Emergency door locking

A small number of buildings on the Seattle campus are equipped with emergency door locking devices that can instantly lock all doors leading into a space in the event of an emergency situation.

To activate, simply **lift the cover** and **push the big red button**. This will send a signal to the UWPD and they will respond to the location. The cover has a local anti-tamper alarm (similar to a door alarm), but this is not transmitted beyond the location, so *you still need to push the button even if you hear the alarm*. After activation, the doors to the space will be locked from the outside, but you can still exit the room.

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