More information on disaster planning at home and at college, as well as other related topics can be found online at:

Center for Health & Hygiene in the Home and Community
www.simmons.edu/hygieneandhealth
Look for our brochures on:
- Disaster Planning for Households
- Plan B Disaster Brochure

Centers for Disease Control
www.bt.cdc.gov/
www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/

United States Department of Labor: Occupational Safety & Health Administration
www.osha.gov/SLTC/emergencypreparedness/index.html

Federal Emergency Management Agency
www.ready.gov/basic-disaster-supplies-kit

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- consumer food safety
- home hygiene
- daycare
- preschool
- homecare
- sports and leisure activity
- travel and hospitality

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Ways to Find Out About Emergencies at Simmons College

- emergency.simmons.edu
- www.wbz.com
- Local radio stations
- www.redcross.gov
- 72hours.org
- www.fema.gov

Emergency Notification System

Simmons College will also update its students and staff via voicemails, e-mails, and text messages in the event of an emergency or campus-wide event. Plan ahead! Keep your contact information up to date on AARC with these simple steps:

1. Log in to Simmons Connection (https://connection.simmons.edu).
2. Click on AARC on menu bar to display AARC main menu.
3. Click either student/employee and then manage contact/emergency information.
4. Click confirm/update Simmons Alert Emergency Contact Information.
5. Update your emergency phone numbers and e-mail information.
6. Click “check to confirm that your emergency information is correct.”
7. Click “submit” to confirm your update.

Disaster Supplies Kit

The following is a general list of suggested items to have in case of an emergency. Specific supply needs will depend on your emergency and the severity of the event.

⇒ Bottled Water
⇒ Canned or Packaged Foods
⇒ Extra Clothing, including a hat & sturdy shoes
⇒ Blanket
⇒ First Aid Kit
⇒ Your Medications
⇒ Sanitation & Hygiene Items
⇒ Flashlight with Extra Batteries
⇒ Radio—battery-powered or hand-crank
⇒ Multi-purpose Tool
⇒ Cell Phone, Cell Phone Chargers
⇒ Extra Cash
⇒ Maps of the Area
⇒ Car & Home Keys
⇒ Personal Documents and Identification (passport, ID, etc.)

In Case of Fire

- Do NOT fight the fire.
- Evacuate the building.
- Activate the fire alarm system by using an emergency pull station.
- Do NOT use elevators.
- Help others to evacuate.

In Case of Dangerous Weather

WATCH: Conditions conducive for dangerous weather; watch sky and be prepared if dangerous weather does occur (i.e. tornado watch, flash flood watch).

WARNING: Dangerous weather is threatening the area and may already be occurring (i.e. winter storm warning).

EVACUATE: Removal of self from a dangerous location (dorm room, office building, area of campus) that can pose a life-threatening hazard.

SHELTER IN PLACE: Stay or go indoors due to life-threatening hazards outdoors. Lock doors, windows, and shut off ventilation systems (ex: air conditioners, fans).

Making Your Own Plan

- Know two ways to exit all rooms.
- Know evacuation routes.
- Have a pre-determined meeting place for family & friends.
- Have an emergency communication plan established with family & friends.
- If you have pets, develop an emergency supply kit with pets needs and locate a pet emergency shelter. Only service animals are allowed in human emergency shelters.