



Mid-America Council Emergency Procedures



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Why have an Emergency Plan?

- To protect and provide for the health and safety of Scouts, Scouters, visitors & employees
 - Accurate attendance log (at check-in and check-out)
- Provide training for incidents requiring swift decisive actions in a response
- To help protect & preserve the property

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How & where do you fit in?

- **Everyone has a job and a function within the Mid-America Emergency System**
- **Learn your role and responsibilities**
 - Know where to find and how to use the emergency plan
 - How you respond may effect the outcome of an incident
 - Awareness on your part may help resolve issues before they become serious
- **Practice**
 - Participate in all camp emergency drills to help you understand the emergency system in case of a real situation

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Mid-America Emergency Operation Plan

- **KNOW IT!**
- **FOLLOW IT!**



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Camp Staff Emergency Functions

- **Camp Director**
 - Provide direction & control for your camp.
 - Manage accountability for persons in your camp.
 - Manage pre-determined safe area.
- **Program Director**
 - Provide program for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts at pre-determined safe area.





Camp Staff Emergency Functions

- **Camp Staff/Instructors**
 - Provide direction & control for your staff & persons in your area.
 - Provide direction to pre-determined safe area.
 - Provide information to the Camp Director on the status of persons under your control.
- **Scout Leaders/Parents**
 - Provide leadership for all participants in your immediate area.



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Situations to prepare for...

We can't predict what situations may arise in your camp, but the following are some situations you should be prepared for.



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Injured/Lost Campers

- Contact Camp Director.
- Do not move injured person, perform only basic first aid.
- Emergency team leader will coordinate lost person incidents.
- Follow your Emergency Operations Plan.



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Fire

- **Dangers of fire:**
 - Asphyxiation
 - Heat
 - Smoke
 - Burns



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If a Fire Starts...

- Get out quickly.
- Go to your pre-determined safe area.
 - NEW: Keep your keys on your person and be prepared for evacuation.
- Contact the Camp Director.
- Follow your Emergency Operations plans.



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Fire Safety DON'TS

- Try to suppress large fires.
- Get too close.
- Fight it alone.
- Enter smoke-filled areas.





Three Classes of Wildfires

Surface fire



Ground fire



Crown fire



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Thunderstorms

- **A severe thunderstorm is:**
 - One that produces hail at least three-quarters of an inch in diameter, has winds of 58 miles per hour or higher, or produces a tornado.



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Risks Posed by Thunderstorms

- **Lightning**
- **Hail**
- **Downbursts and straight-line winds**
- **Tornadoes**
- **Flash floods**
 - Note: Flash Flooding is the second largest weather event that kills in the United States.





Thunderstorm Preparedness

- Pay attention to warnings!
 - Know your weather
- Understand the risk.
- Know where to seek shelter.
- Be Prepared.



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If You Are Outdoors . . .

- **Get away from water sources.**
- **Seek shelter in a substantial building or to pre-determined safe area.**
- **Go to low-lying area and make yourself a small target.**
- **Use the “Duck & Tuck” method, cover your head with your hands.**
- **Avoid natural lightning rods such as tall individual trees.**
- **Note: Lightning is the 3rd largest weather event that kills in the United States.**

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Tornadoes

- **A tornado is:**
 - A powerful, circular windstorm that may be accompanied by winds in excess of 250 miles per hour.



Tornado Damage

- Rip trees apart.
- Destroy buildings.
- Uproot structures and objects.
- Send debris and glass flying.
- Overturn cars and mobile homes.

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Tornado Preparedness

- Know the risk.
- Pre-determine a “safe” location, and be prepared to modify your plans based on current weather patterns.
- Develop a warning system for your site.
- Conduct staff tornado drill prior to the event.





Warning Systems to use

- Weather patterns
- Sirens (if available)
- Telephones
- Radios
- Runners

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Heat Alerts

- Heat alerts will be announced using radios or runners, whichever applicable.
- Decrease or shut down the sale of soda and slushies.
- Make sure that people increase their intake of water.
- Make sure that people reduce their activity level.
- Note: Heat is the single largest weather event that kills in the United States.

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Bomb Threats

- Attempt to keep the person on line as long as possible.
- Record the exact time of the call.
- Write down all information obtained, using as many exact words as possible.
- Notify Camp Director.
- Camp Director will work with the Sheriffs Department during incident.
- DO NOT use any electronic devices such as cell phones or radios until the all clear is given.

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Bomb Threats continued

- Be prepared to evacuate site if deemed appropriate by the Camp Director and Sheriff.
 - Utilize a check-out procedure to account for all participants
- Escort Scouts, Scouters, visitors & staff to announced assembly area.
 - NEW: Keep your keys on your person and be prepared for evacuation.
- Write down all information obtained, using as many exact words as possible.
- Do not re-enter the area until the Camp Director provides the “all clear”.
- Watch for suspicious persons and actions.
- DO NOT speak with any media, direct all questions to the Scout Executive or Council Office.

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Disruptive Individual or Group

- Remain Calm.
- Contact Camp Director, they will make determination for need of assistance from the Sheriff's Office.
- Alert staff.
- Isolate Scouts, Scouters, visitors & staff from the disruption.
- Make announcements about any required schedule changes.

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Disruptive Individual or Group

- Keep a phone line free for communication with the Council Office and Sheriff's Office.
- If necessary, the Camp Director may need to prepare a letter to send home with campers to explain the incident.
- Be prepared to help provide materials for such an action if required.

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Wildlife

- Encourage campers to stay away from any wild or domestic animals they may encounter.
- Report immediately to the Camp Director any animals that seem to be sick, lethargic, exhibit aggressive behavior or seem out of place.





Available Trainings

- There are many useful trainings available online for Camp Staff (required), Scout Leaders and parents.
- Go to myscouting.org
 - Physical Wellness
 - Safe Swim Defense
 - Safety Afloat
 - Climb on Safely
 - Trek Safely
 - Weather Hazards

The screenshot shows the 'E-LEARNING' section of the myscouting.org website. The navigation bar includes 'My Profile', 'Training', 'Unit Tools', 'Council Tools', and 'Events'. The 'Training' menu is expanded, showing 'My Profile', 'Update My Profile', 'Training', 'E-Learning', 'Training Validation', 'Unit Tools', 'Bass Pro Shops Online Toolkit', 'National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course', 'Internet Advancement', 'Internet Rechartering', 'Council Tools', 'Best Practices Portal', 'Journey To Excellence Resources', 'Events', and 'Event Registration'. The main content area is titled 'E-LEARNING' and contains a red warning message: 'taking training for. After clicking on the program, scroll down to Youth Protection Training and click Take Course.' Below this, there are tabs for 'Cub Scout', 'Boy/Varsity Scout', 'Venturing', and 'General'. The 'General' tab is selected, showing a list of training categories: 'Youth Protection Training' (with a green dot and links for 'Retake Course', 'Review Course', and 'View Certificate'), 'Fast Start Training' (with a yellow dot and links for 'Take Course'), 'Leader Position-Specific Training', 'Orientation Training' (with a green dot and links for 'Retake Course', 'Review Course', and 'View Certificate'), 'Basic Training', and 'Supplemental Training' (with a yellow dot and links for 'Take Course'). The 'Supplemental Training' section lists several courses: 'Physical Wellness', 'Safe Swim Defense', 'Safety Afloat', 'Climb On Safely', 'Trek Safely', 'Weather Hazards', 'ScoutParents Unit Coordinator Fast Start', and 'Staffing the District Committee', each with a 'Take Course' link.





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Planning is important!

To summarize - See that EVERYONE has a safe & fun time at camp, plan ahead and be prepared!



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