Security, Student Safety, and Disaster Preparedness Policy

Purpose

To document Pritzker School of Medicine on-campus and off-campus security services, resources, and systems in place which are designed to ensure student, faculty and staff safety, and to document how students, faculty and staff are informed of institutional emergency and disaster preparedness policies.

Overview

The Pritzker School of Medicine seeks to ensure the safety of all students, faculty and staff both on campus and at off-site clinical locations during all hours of educational activities and beyond. The University of Chicago offers police on duty 24-hours a day, including 24-hour support at 773-702-8181 or 123 from a campus phone. UCPD provides a Safety Escort Program for members of the University of Chicago community 24-hours a day. The University of Chicago's Department of Safety and Security has developed a mobile safety app, UChicago Safe, to provide information for emergencies and links to safety resources. https://safety-security.uchicago.edu/services/uchicago_safe_mobile_safety_app/. The University of Chicago's Comprehensive Emergency Management Program outlines strategies to protect the life and safety of University students, faculty and staff and to preserve University property and assets in the event of an emergency.

Related LCME Standards:

- 5.7 Security, Student Safety and Disaster Preparedness

Principles

1. The documentation of campus safety, both on-campus and off-site, for all Pritzker School of Medicine students, faculty and staff. The documentation of The University of Chicago's Comprehensive Emergency Management Program.

Policy

1. The University of Chicago Police Department (UCPD) is a full-service, CALEA-accredited police department serving the University of Chicago and surrounding areas from 37th street to 64th street, and Cottage Grove Avenue to Lake Shore Drive. UCPD Headquarters is located at 850 E. 61st Street and is staffed 24-hours a day, seven days a week.
2. The University of Chicago Campus Safety Division of the Department of Safety and Security is responsible for Accountability and Compliance, Security and the Law Enforcement Systems and Security Services including the University's electronic safety and security resources. This includes the network of cameras, access control, alarms and the emergency phones located throughout campus.
3. The University of Chicago's Emergency Management Plan (EMP) assigns responsibility and details the overall strategy to prepare, respond, recover (short-term), and mitigate from all emergencies or events that jeopardize the safety of University students, faculty,

staff and visitors, and threaten the well-being of University assets and property. (https://safety-security.uchicago.edu/emergency_management/plan_overview/)

Procedures

1. The University of Chicago offers all students, faculty and staff transportation shuttles that pick-up and drop-off within one or two blocks of most campus buildings.
2. The University of Chicago Police Department offers 24/7 support, by phone 773-702-8181 or 123 from a campus phone for assistance ranging from lost and found to safety escorts. Students seeking support and guidance can also contact an on-call University administrator at any time, by calling 773-834-HELP (4357) or 4-HELP (4-4357) from a campus phone.
3. The University of Chicago provides safety and security related information and resources for the campus community on their website: https://safety-security.uchicago.edu/safety/
4. The Biological Sciences Learning Center (BSLC), is only accessibly by card access after business hours.
5. Activation of the University's Emergency Management Plan is dependent on the type and severity of the hazard occurring. An emergency resulting from a hazard is defined as an unplanned event that:
    a. Poses a serious threat to persons or property, as well as significantly disrupts normal operations
    b. Cannot be managed by a routine response
    c. Requires a quick and coordinated response across multiple departments or divisions
6. If an event meets the criterion above, it is then categorized according to its scope and severity. Three emergency categories have been defined, and each category will elicit a different approach at the discretion of the Senior Emergency Management Officer. (https://safety-security.uchicago.edu/emergency_management/plan_overview/situation_overview/)
7. Serious incidents of crime will be communicated using a timely email message to the campus and to community members who are registered to receive security alerts. Security alerts from the past three years are posted on the Department of Safety and Security's website.

Accountable Dean or Director: Dean for Medical Education, Dean of Students

Related Policies:

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