

Campus Emergency Information and Emergency Communication System

Campus Safety at Sweet Briar College

- Emergency phones are located throughout the campus — each has a blue light above them to distinguish them from regular phones. Emergency phones connect to a dispatcher with the SBC department of safety.
- Dial 6111 if there is an emergency. Dial 6144 to reach campus safety.
- Report all strangers or suspicious activities to a campus safety officer by telephone or in person.
- Additional safety tips are available [here](#). Students are urged to be familiar with this information.

e2Campus Emergency Communication System

Sweet Briar is connected to e2Campus, a state-of-the-art communication system to quickly notify individuals in case of emergency, including weather-related events. This system is in use at a number of colleges and universities around the country.

What is it?

e2Campus is a mass notification system that has the capacity to alert students, faculty and staff with text messages on their cell phones. In addition to cell phones, e2Campus enables the College to send important campus information to students via our Web site, RSS, PDA, e-mail, text pager, Google, AOL or MyYahoo pages.

Do I have to register?

Students are automatically enrolled if they have provided the College with a current cell phone number.

How much does it cost?

The service is provided free of charge by Sweet Briar. Subscribers are responsible for messaging charges by their service provider. Persons will not receive messages for which they do not register and information is not shared with or sold to a third party.

What if I have more than one phone number?

Students can enter up to two phone numbers and two e-mail addresses. Students are strongly encouraged to include a family member as one of the contacts.

Who can register for this service?

Anyone with an SBC e-mail account can opt into this service.

How do I sign up?

- Log into your [mySBC](#) account.
- Click on “Campus Alerts” (at the top in the pink bar).
- Scroll all the way to the bottom.

For text messages:

- Enter all information requested.
- Wait to receive the text message.
- Enter the validation code sent to your cellular phone via text message.
- Click the “validate” button, and your registration is complete!

For e-mail notifications:

- Click “E-mail Notifications Only” below the “submit” button.
- Enter all information requested.
- Log into your e-mail account.
- Enter the validation code sent to your e-mail into the box.
- Click the “validate” button and your registration is complete!

Emergency Response Planning

Although we hope we never have to use them, Sweet Briar College annually updates plans for a wide variety of potential disasters. In light of the damage that natural disasters have caused globally in recent years, as well as continuing international concern about pandemic outbreak of flu, it is important that the College have comprehensive plans in place that might include closing the campus entirely for a period of time. Therefore, we share the following information with you annually.

Should we be faced with such a scenario, the College would have little time to debate the matter, especially in the case of a pandemic. After consulting with governmental health agencies and our local health officials, we could conceivably enter immediately into a period of recess. Should that be necessary, we believe a carefully orchestrated response, as outlined below will help protect our students and others in the community.

If it is determined that we have to close the College, the following are important measures to consider:

- The College will send a recess notice to students via e-mail, residence hall room voice mail, and through posted information on the Web site. ***It is each student's responsibility to monitor these information sources regularly.***
- At the same time, the College will send e-mail notification to parents for whom we have a current e-mail address.
- Students should be prepared to depart campus immediately and should only pack belongings that can be carried easily in a vehicle. The College will secure the residence halls.
- We recommend that students return directly home.
- Students who are unable to travel home should contact the Office of Co-Curricular Life at 434.381.6134 for help or advice on preparedness planning. This information should be updated with the College each year.
- To aid in this process, we recommend that families discuss reasonable options during each semester break and develop a plan.
- During a recess, important information will be available via e-mail, the College's [homepage](#) or by calling 434.381.6400.

Further information on pandemic influenza can be found at the following Web sites:

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [Flu.gov: Know What to Do About the Flu](#)
- [The New York Times: Swine Flu News](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)

For more information on Sweet Briar College's Crisis Management Plan, click [here](#).

In general, if you have questions regarding emergencies, please contact Campus Safety at 434.381.6144.