Western Lockdown Drill

Drill Information

When: October 19, 9:35 am

Purpose: Designed to test Western’s emergency notification system and encourage preparedness activities.

What to expect:
- Voice messages over the mass notification system (building enunciation) preceded by FCC tone,
- Text messages to everyone who has registered in web4u at MyWestern,
- Email to every university email address,
- Computer desktop alerting,
- Western Alert message on Western’s homepage and Safety and Emergency Information webpage at emergency.wwu.edu, and
- Message on Western’s Facebook page and Twitter feed.

The lockdown drill will take place in conjunction with the Western Alert Test. The drill will last approximately 15 minutes to allow everyone to view the video Options for Consideration and/or perform response actions.

An orientation video explaining how to prepare and what to do during the drill is available to all students and employees.

Who should participate in the Lockdown drill?
We recommend all faculty, staff and students.

Where will this occur?
Wherever you are on campus at 9:35 on October 19, 2017: Office, classroom, or other academic or work spaces.

Why is Western conducting a lockdown drill?
- Acts of violence may affect any of us in a variety of locations.
- Part of an on-going process to prepare the campus community to take personal responsibility in the event of an active violence incident on campus.
- Knowing options for actions can make people feel more confident and may help them survive an incident.
- Provide you with knowledge of options for actions should you ever encounter an act of violence.

What is the expected outcome from the drill?
- Knowledge of options for response actions.
- Provide feedback that will be used to enhance campus safety and other drills.

Contact Holly Woll-Salkeld at 3625 or University.Police@wwu.edu with any questions or concerns. If persons experience feelings of trauma prior to or following the drill, students can call the Counseling Center (650-3164). Employees can call the Employee Assistance Program (877-313-4455) or the after-hours help line (866-704-6364).