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Student Perspective



As an education major, I'm constantly learning how critical a safe environment is for student success. When

students are assured of their consistently safe surroundings, they are most able to dive into their education without hesitation or restraint.

As I prepare to one day have a classroom of my own; I am deeply appreciative of the people at MVNU who work to provide me and my peers with that same safe environment.

It's my firm belief that the safe learning atmosphere at Mount Vernon is not accidental, but the result of God's protection and the dedicated work of the faculty and staff at MVNU who are passionate about creating a campus where it is safe to learn and

Responding to You!

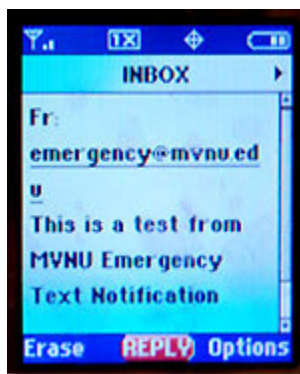
You asked for it. We talked to several students before preparing this issue to get a sense of what you wanted to know or thought would be helpful. [Tell us](#) what you'd like to see in future issues of Emergency U.

Text Message Alert Questions

As many of you know, MVNU implemented a text message alert system in fall 2007. Here, we will answer some of the questions you've had about the system. NOTE: This is just ONE tool for campus emergency notification.

When might I receive a text message?

- Chemical leak from the nearby water treatment plant
- Water boil advisory
- Fire
- Shooter on campus
- Bomb threat
- Any other potentially life-threatening situation



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- John-Paul Kemmenoe, Education Major

Communication During a Crisis

How will you or your parents know what is going on at MVNU during a crisis?

- Voicemail
- Text messages (if you opt in)
- E-mail
- Residence directors and advisors
- www.mvnu.edu
- WNZR 90.9 FM
- Chapel announcements
- Security vehicle PA system
- Bullhorns and volunteers

For parents:

- We will attempt to make calls to each parent
- Text message (if you opt in)
- www.mvnu.edu

If you see members of the media across campus, direct them to crisis communication headquarters at FEBC 133 (round room). They will hear from local authorities and campus officials, as well as have access to telephones, e-mail, and computers.

When will a test message be sent?

MVNU is still in the process of confirming that our system works with a variety of providers. We randomly monitor and test the system with a small group of students to ensure that the system is working. Some elements of the system may change moving forward. You will be notified of changes in the future.

Who will the message come from?

The message sender will be listed as emergency@mvnu.edu. You cannot reply to this sender.

What will the message say or look like?

See photo.

How do I sign up?

Nearly 900 students have already opted to provide MVNU with their cell phone number for the next text alert system. Don't forget that you have to sign up **EVERY YEAR**. You can do this through the portal when registering for the fall 2008 semester.

● Students:

Log in to my.mvnu.edu.
Click on "Student Pages."
Click on "Campus Emergency Notification."
Add cell phone number and provider.

● Faculty/Staff:

Log in to my.mvnu.edu.
Click on "Employee Pages."
Click on "My Info."
Click on "Campus Emergency Notification."
Add cell phone number and provider.

Safety Items to Have on Hand

The following are list of some safety items to consider carrying in your car or having in your room **before** being faced with an emergency.

For Your Car:

- Basic first aid kit (available at WalMart for \$10)
- Kitchen-size fire extinguisher (available online for about \$10)



- Blanket
- Flashlight (consider hand-crank light, no batteries necessary)
- Bottled water
- Food (energy/protein bars, etc.)
- Tire changing kit (lug wrench, jack, spare tire and block of wood for under tires)
- Compact shovel for snow
- Jump-start cables
- Pair of gloves
- Cell phone and car charger
- Road flares or reflective triangle
- Empty gas can
- Self-defense pepper spray device (consider keeping in side pocket door)
- Small plastic bin or cardboard box to hold safety items in trunk

For Your Room:

- Basic first aid kit
- Battery-powered radio
- Flashlight
- Food
- Bottled water
- Keep doors and windows locked
- Know two exit strategies
- Know safety procedures for your dorm or apartment

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