EVACUATION – CAMPUS, BUILDINGS or PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Campus Evacuation

Evacuation of the entire campus would be an extremely unlikely event. A staggered release of the campus population after a major event, such as a major earthquake, would be the most likely situation to require individuals to leave the campus. Even though SBCC could be subject to a tsunami, most of the campus is high enough above sea level that a shelter-in-place plan would go into effect.

Localized events, such as a single building fire or a chemical release, would require evacuation of the immediate area. Fire or police personnel in this case would direct the evacuation. During an evacuation, Security and police personnel will direct traffic at major intersections to maintain a smooth flow of vehicles.

Building Evacuation

If a building evacuation is necessary, the following steps should be observed:

1. Emergency procedures and State law require that everyone exit a building when the fire alarm is activated.
2. Evacuation procedures should be followed according to the college’s plan.
3. Do not use elevators for fire/earthquake evacuation because they may be damaged and unreliable.
4. Proceed toward the nearest safe exit.
5. After exiting your building, go directly to your building Emergency Assembly Point. If that area is no longer safe, determine the safest place away from imminent danger. View http://www.sbcc.edu/adminservices/emergencyoperations.php for the most recent list of Emergency Assembly Points.
6. Wait for instructions from emergency personnel. DO NOT return to your building until notified by emergency personnel.

Evacuation of Persons with Disabilities

During emergencies when an elevator is not available for use, the following procedures have been developed to handle situations in multi-story buildings for those unable to use the stairs:

1. When the fire alarm is activated, designated personnel should assist/escort individuals with mobility disabilities to a safe location (enclosed stairwell landing that leads to an exterior exit at the ground level).
2. Someone should remain with the individual while another person notifies arriving emergency personnel of the location of anyone who needs assistance.
3. The instructions of the emergency responder should be followed, and no attempt should be made to move the individual to another building level unless there is imminent danger in the safe refuge, e.g., there is heavy smoke in the stairwell.
4. Individuals unable to utilize the stairs and working alone should call Security at (805) 730-4200 or 911 (or 9-911 from a campus phone) and report the location of their planned refuge (stairwell landing).
5. Anyone unable to reach a stairwell (for instance due to smoke) should close all doors into their area, call 911 (or 9-911 from a campus phone) and wait for emergency personnel to arrive.