



SECURITY IN UNIVERSITY HALL

In addition to dozens of security cameras, University Hall has numerous Emergency Lockdown Buttons located throughout the building in classrooms and auditoriums. Properly used, they can help save lives. Please familiarize yourself with what the buttons look like and where they are.

The buttons are to be used *only* in the event of an active threat to the lives and safety of building occupants. Anyone who is endangering the lives of members of the UMass Boston community is considered an active threat. They can be armed with a weapon of any kind, including firearms.

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The University Hall Emergency Lockdown System: What You Need to Know

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HOW THE EMERGENCY LOCKDOWN BUTTONS WORK

The buttons are located on blue rectangular boxes marked “Lock Down.” The system is activated by lifting the clear plastic cover and pressing the large blue button marked “Push Here.”

The buttons trigger a silent alarm system. When you press the button you will not hear anything, but campus police will be instantly notified of a threat situation at the location where the button was pushed.

The button will lock the door to the room in which you are located from the outside. This will prevent anyone from entering the room. However, you will be able to leave if you are inside.

After the button is pushed, UMass Boston police officers will arrive as quickly as possible. They will be armed and prepared to confront a potentially deadly situation.

Do not activate the system for any reason other than an active threat. Improper use or tampering with this system is a serious violation of Massachusetts law. Violators are also subject to immediate arrest, substantial fines, and imprisonment. It is also a violation of university policy, and the Student Code of Conduct. It will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

WHEN AN ACTIVE THREAT EMERGENCY OCCURS

- ▶ **Remain calm.**
- ▶ **Activate the emergency lockdown system.**
- ▶ **Locate the threat.**
- ▶ **Determine your response.**
 - ▶ **Run.** Evacuate if at all possible. Escaping danger should be your first priority.
 - ▶ **Hide.** If you can't leave, shelter in place.
 - ▶ Tell everyone to silence cellphones and computers.
 - ▶ Stay clear of windows and doors.
 - ▶ **Fight.** Physical engagement with an attacker is a last resort and should be used only in self-defense—and only if you feel capable of using extreme force yourself.

Note: When police arrive, always keep your hands visible to responding officers.

ADDITIONAL CAMPUS EMERGENCY RESOURCES

- ▶ **UMass Boston Alert System.** To sign up, go to www.getrave.com/login/umb.
- ▶ **To report an emergency.** Call 911. Or call UMass Boston Police: 617.287.1212.
- ▶ **Emergency Training.** Contact UMass Boston Police to learn about available classes.
- ▶ **Other Resources.** Visit umb.edu/preparedness for:
 - ▶ Procedure to follow in a variety of emergency situations
 - ▶ Campus and building evacuation plans
 - ▶ Training and other resources

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