Inter American University of Puerto Rico
Ponce Campus
Health Sciences Department

Emergency Plan

The Inter American University of Puerto Rico marking the difference in the education of health, is provided with a modern Department of Sciences of the Health located in the highway number 2, By Pass, Urb. Industrial Reparada in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Approximately 400 students have access to the most advanced technological and practice advances in the health field. Safety is an essential component for the healthy coexistence inside the university community and to guarantee the safety is one of the priorities of the Institution.

The Department of Health Sciences at the Ponce Campus is provided by the service of guards following this schedule: on Monday to Friday of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and of 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and every Saturday of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Once both shifts are over, there is an active alarm system and motion detectors for the protection of the physical facility. This facility is provided with a computerized system to detect emergencies in case of fire. The building possesses seven (7) emergency exits to facilitate emergency evacuation of the building. Located right next to the School of Medicine of Ponce, we benefit from the services of private guards seven days of the week those guards are located between of both buildings.

The normative document F-1006-071 regulates access, transit and parking of the vehicles. The responsibility of the university guards assigned to the Department of Health Sciences is to control visitors’ entrance and the preventive patrolling to minimize the possible robberies, vandalism and other crimes.

We know our area is not exempt from facing an emergency at any given moment. The Department of Health Sciences is adjacent on the NORTH to the Asilo de Damas Hospital, on the SOUTH with the School of Medicine of Ponce, on the EAST by the of Saint Lukes’ Home Care and on the WEST with the building of the National Guard of Puerto Rico. In case of an evacuation from the building and depending on the place of the emergency we will follow this procedure:

1. The Director of the Department with the support personnel will coordinate the persons’ movement establishing the calmness, the order and the control.

2. First of all we will evacuate the persons who are in the affected area, giving priority to the persons with some type incapability.

3. The persons who are in the field of the lobby, reception, administrative offices, part-time faculty area, Inter Óptica, laboratory Lounge H-101, Lounge of Classes H-102, will evacuate traveling towards the principal entry side on the WEST and then they will move towards the students’ parking.
4. Every person who is in the Multiuse Lounge H-103, H-104, will move through the corridor towards the emergency exit on the WEST side and head towards the students' parking.
5. Every person who is in the laboratory Lounge H-105 they will evacuate using the emergency exit side on the EAST, contiguous to the maintenance storage.
6. Those that are in the Cybernetic Center of Access to Information and Sonography Laboratory, will vacate the premises using the corridor that leads to the student's patio on the EAST, and then towards the personnel parking.
7. The persons who are in the cubicles of the teachers of full time and area of the kitchen will evict using the exit side EAST, towards the faculty patio and then they will move towards the personnel parking.
8. Every person who finds in the Laboratories of Optical Sciences (LAB 101), Physical Therapy I (LAB-106), Laboratory of Occupational Therapy (LAB-102), and the station of technical support to laboratory, will evict using the corridor contiguous to the small cave of maintenance towards the emergency exit side WEST and will continue towards the students' parking.
9. Those who find in the Laboratory of Physical Therapy II (LAB-102), Laboratory of Infirmary (LAB-103) and Laboratory of Radiology (LAB-104), will be evicted by them using the emergency exit side EAST, towards the personnel parking.

Hospital Santo Asilo de Damas

North

National Guard West East Saint Lukes Home Care

South

Ponce School of Medicine

SAFETY ADVICE IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION

• Your cooperation is very important to avoid accidents.
• Let’s remember that as soon as it was declared the emergency, the order to vacate the premises is immediate.
• Wait for instructions of those in charge of an evacuation; they will let us know when we can return to work.
• Give assistance to persons with Physical limitations.
• Leave in an organized manner the activities and to continue the instructions of the collaborators.
• Do not get alarmed or alarm others.
• Do not turn back.

In the cases of earthquakes, fire, explosive and natural disasters we will follow procedures as established in the Safety Plan, Emergencies and Handling of Crisis. http://ponce.inter.edu/seguridad

AREAS OF HIGH RISK
• During the night the personnel parking and marginal NORTH side and WEST of the building of Sciences of the Health.

ACCIDENT CONTROL MEASURES
• Be always alert and observe thoroughly what is happening around you.
• Avoid leaving portable computers, folders, briefcases, bundles, calculators, jump drives, cameras and other personal belongings of value that could attract attention.
• Locate emergency exits.
• Make sure your vehicle is locked.
• Know what to do in case of an emergency.

SAFETY ADVICE IN CASES OF EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS

PROCEDURE TO REQUEST HELP
• In case you are a victim of assault, theft, violation, stalking or any other incident in the properties of the Department of Health or close to it, you must follow the this procedure:
• Notify immediately the University or Campus Safety Guard, giving them the most accurate information of the incident.
• If you cannot find a guard, call (787) 479-6503 or (787) 841-1339.
• Mr. Reinaldo Rosado Vega, Safety Director, is the official responsible for Campus Safety. Mr. Rosado can be contacted at (787)479-6502.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Medical Emergencies (787) 843-2550 / (787) 343-2550
Fire Department of Puerto Rico (787) 843-2330 / (787) 842-2022
Puerto Rico Police Department (787) 842-0080
Ponce Municipal Police Department (787) 848-7056 / 7080 / 7090 / 7095
State Civil Defense (787) 844-8341 / 8272

Red Cross (787) 725-0121

Santo Asilo de Damas Hospital (787) to 840-8686

Center for Poison Control (787) 726-5674

Campus Safety - Inter American University of PR. - Ponce Campus 787-479-6503 or 787-841-1339 (Entrance Guard)

Ponce School of Medicine 787-840-2275 Ext. 2254 / 2248

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