

# Power Outage Protocol

## I. Introduction

A power outage can occur at any time and at any location. This protocol provides guidelines for appropriate action in the event of a major power outage.

## II. Protocol

### **Class Cancellation**

The decision to cancel classes or work will be announced by the university through the use of the university's webpage, the severe weather notification line, or other available means.

### **Special Hazards**

If emergency power does not come on, exit the building as long as there is enough ambient lighting to move safely.

Members of the community traveling around a campus when a power outage happens should focus intently on the driving conditions around them. Power outages often affect traffic control devices.

Elevators present a particular safety issue during a power outage because most are not on the emergency power system.

Avoid the use of elevators even after power is restored until it is known for certain the power will remain on. If you find yourself caught in the elevator, use the emergency phone to contact the BSU Police Department at 911 or 508-531-1212.

### **Periodic Situation Checks**

If occupants are permitted to remain in buildings, the BSU Police Department will conduct periodic safety checks. Once the safety and welfare of all occupants are assured and danger to property and equipment is reduced, recovery and repair operations will receive top priority.

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## POWER OUTAGE PROTOCOL CHECKLIST

A MAJOR POWER OUTAGE HAS OCCURRED.

FMP AND EMERGENCY CREWS HAVE RESPONDED.

HAZARDS HAVE BEEN MITIGATED OR EVACUATIONS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED.

A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO CANCEL CLASSES OR WORK AND AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO THAT EFFECT HAS BEEN MADE.

IF OCCUPANTS ARE PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN AFFECTED AREAS, BSU POLICE HAVE ARRANGED TO MAKE PERIODIC HEALTH AND WELFARE CHECKS OF PERSONNEL.

  
  
  
  

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