



Crisis Management Planning



Take one copy of this sheet with you when you attend any University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension or Extension-involved activity. Leave a second copy with your office staff.

1. Call appropriate emergency personnel: **911** (Emergency); Cellular ***55** (Nebraska State Patrol); or _____.
2. See to any injured persons using appropriate **first aid**.
3. Get other participants to a **safe location** to avoid further injuries.
4. Call your county/district **Research and Extension Center office**, if it is open, and ask it to make the remaining contacts.
County/District office number: _____ or
home number (s) _____.

AT THE COUNTY OFFICE IN A CRISIS OR POTENTIAL CRISIS

1. Be prepared to **tell Extension personnel** as much information as possible, even information that has yet to be confirmed. (Campus office personnel can help confirm the facts.) This includes:
 - Number and extent of injuries.
 - Names of injured.
 - Location of responding hospital or emergency care center.
 - Description and location of the incident.
 - Total number of people involved (number of youth, number of adults).
2. Because county/district office phones may quickly become clogged with calls for information, identify an **alternate phone** (office next door, etc.), if at all possible: _____.
3. **Tell any news media** that call or show up:
 - To call University Communications staff at 402-472-2211, for most complete information.
 - Or, that no information is available yet but will be soon through the county/district Extension office.
4. **If the county/district office is closed, make sure the following are notified as soon as possible.** Be prepared to pass along the information listed in #1. If you can, also include the county/district Extension office fax # _____, phone # _____, and/or alternate phone # _____.

Call:

Extension Educator(s) at home and/or other offices that have people involved in the activity.

Number(s): _____.

Extension Board Chair

Name and number: _____;

Or, Chair's designated backup: _____.

District Director (*Don't just leave a message, talk to a person!*)

Name and number: _____;

cell phone number: _____.

Backup #1, if District Director is not available: _____;

Or, designated backup #2: _____.

AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN A CRISIS OR POTENTIAL CRISIS

1. The District Director or his/her backup will contact:

Extension Dean Elbert Dickey 402-472-2966 (office, with Beth Birnstihl, backup) or 402-483-1614 (home).

AT THE STATE OFFICE IN A CRISIS OR POTENTIAL CRISIS

1. The Extension Director or his/her backup, will contact:

- A. IANR Vice Chancellor's Office 402-472-2871
- B. University Communications staff 402-472-2211
- C. Others appropriate
 - a. Beth Birnstihl 402-472-2966 (work), 402-488-2694 (home)
 - b. DeLynn Hay 402-472-2966 (work), 402-786-5323 (home)
 - c. Keith Niemann 402-472-1577 (work), 402-332-3295 (home)
 - d. Greg Clayton 402-472-2600 (work), 402-488-6376 (home).

2. **University Communications staff will write a statement for the media** as soon as possible and forward it by telephone or fax to the county and district Extension offices or another designated location. At the same time, they will release the statement from Lincoln, using standard media distribution channels. After that, University Communications staff will provide updates in the same manner, as soon as additional information becomes available.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR CRISIS . . .

1. Have insurance information available for hospital or other emergency personnel.
2. Release children and their luggage, if available, only to parents or guardians listed on the "in case of emergency" contact form.
3. Get name of investigating officer(s) and appropriate contact information.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR AN ACTIVITY OR EVENT . . .

1. Do you have the completed crisis form with you?
2. Do you have signed and completed health forms for all participants? Have you reviewed the health forms for any special conditions or other pertinent information?
3. Make sure you and your office have "in case of emergency" contact information for parents or guardians of all participants. Make sure parents or guardians understand that only those persons listed on the form will be allowed to pick up the children in case of an accident.
4. Have you sent in any required pre-trip forms to your insurance company?
5. Do you have all of the following:
 - Cellular telephone?
 - First aid kit?
 - Surgical gloves?
 - Insurance information from your county/district?

PACKING TO LEAVE FOR AN ACTIVITY OR EVENT . . .

1. Pack large suitcases securely under the bus or in another vehicle.
2. Make sure passengers know evacuation plans or appropriate emergency procedures.

POST-CRISIS RECOVERY . . .

1. Return any necessary post-trip insurance forms required by the insurance company (applies to non-crisis events as well).
2. Make sure the victims and their families understand exactly what happened.
3. Know where victim's belongings are and when and if they will be returned.
4. Schedule sessions to deal with talking about the event.
5. Take advantage of county and state resources for counseling, both for individuals and for the group. Families need to be told what to expect. Continued communication with the families is important.
6. Be prepared for insurance claim form questions.
7. Know when and where the event will be rescheduled if applicable.