

What is the Emergency Buddy Program?

- The Emergency Buddy Program can greatly reduce the risk associated with the evacuation of persons with an impairment by pairing them up with a “Buddy” capable of accompanying him/her to safety.
- The Emergency Buddy Program is a reliable and efficient way to ensure that First Responders, such as Campus Security and the Calgary Fire Departments, are made aware of the location of a person with a disability so they can safely retrieve them and take them to a safe location.

Who should use the Buddy Program?

- Everyone is encouraged to learn about the Buddy Program.
- Individuals requiring assistance due to disabilities, impairments or inquiries should use the Buddy Program.

Who should my Buddy be?

- A buddy should be a trusted and reliable individual who works in close proximity to the impaired individual.
- A buddy should be someone you trust to share your personal contact information with.

Responsibilities of the “Impaired Individual”:

- An individual requiring assistance should delegate a minimum of 3 Buddies to assist them in the event of an emergency.
- The individual requiring assistance is responsible for sharing personal contact information with their Buddies and knowing the location of all nearby emergency exits, fire-rated stairwells, and evacuation routes.

Responsibilities of the “Buddy”:

- The Emergency Buddy should be prepared to assist an impaired individual by knowing the emergency instructions and evacuation plan, as well as sharing personal contact details.
- The Buddy assists a person with an impairment or injury in getting to the nearest Emergency Exit or fire-rated stairwell landing.
- The Buddy promptly reports the name, location and any special evacuation requirements of the person requiring assistance to Campus Security via the [UCalgary Alertus Emergency App](#) or by phone at 403.220.5333.
- The Buddy remains with the impaired individual until First Responders arrive or the building is given an “all clear”.

What do I do if my Buddy is not present or I am working alone?

- To improve emergency response preparedness, all individuals participating in the Buddy Program should have a minimum of 3 Buddy delegates to ensure there are sufficient backups in place.
- For individuals working alone, the [Working Alone Form](#) should be utilized so the location and contact details of an individual are documented and known.
- Impaired or injured individuals who are working alone during an evacuation or emergency should make their way to a nearby emergency exit or fire-rated stairwell, if possible, and immediately report their whereabouts and relevant details to Campus Security via the [UCalgary Alertus Emergency App](#) or by calling CS at 220-5333 or 911.

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