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 exists, 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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