



Emergency Preparedness

Gaston College is committed to providing a safe and secure working and learning environment. Campus Police encourages you to review the following information on Emergency Preparedness & Lockdown:

1. Program the Campus Police telephone number into your cell phone: 704.922.6480.
2. In the event of an emergency, contact Campus Police at 704.922.6480 and/or dial 911.
3. If you “See Something, Say Something.” Report to Campus Police behaviors or suspicious packages that leave you feeling concerned, worried, or alarmed.
4. Sign up for [GC Alert](#), Gaston College’s Emergency Notification System, which can be accessed on the Campus Police and Safety webpage.
5. In addition to [GC Alert](#), the College also has an emergency PA system throughout its campuses, so remember to listen for special safety-related announcements and instructions that may be communicated over the PA system.
6. Familiarize yourself with the various emergency situations and responses highlighted in the [Emergency Response Guide \(ERG\)](#).

Lockdown (**Run Hide Fight**)

Lockdowns are ordered when there is a potential or present threat on campus such as an active shooter. If a lockdown is ordered, remember Run, Hide, or Fight.

RUN

- Have an escape route and plan in mind.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Keep your hands visible.

HIDE

- Hide in an area out of the shooter’s view.
- Lock and barricade doors, shut off lights, and close window blinds.
- Take cover, stay out of sight, and remain quiet.
- Silence your cell phone and/or pager.
- Remain hidden until otherwise notified by emergency responders.

FIGHT

- As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger.
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter.
- Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter.

For additional information on campus safety and security, visit the [Campus Police and Security](#) webpage.

If you have any questions regarding campus safety and security, contact Campus Police at 704.922.6480.