

CATASTROPHIC EVENTS

Even though the possibility of such an occurrence is miniscule, certain incidents are addressed in the Crisis Action Guide since the event would threaten a large number of people.

Included in this group are:

- Large explosions in or close to a building.
- Plane crash at a local nearby airport or directly on the campus.
NOTE: *Currently FAU campuses are not in the flight path of an airport so the potential for a plane crash directly on the campus is very slight . In the event of a plane crash on a campus, the affected area should be evacuated, while being cautious to avoid areas of falling debris. A crash at a nearby airport could cause the release of a toxic plume and the possible sheltering of all people downwind of the release.*
- Transportation accident on or near the campus involving hazardous materials.
- Release of a hazardous chemical from a nearby industrial plant or nuclear power reactor

NOTE: *Evacuation of the immediate area and sheltering people downwind is the most common emergency response for rail and truck accidents involving toxic substances and also from releases from industrial or nuclear power reactors. Sheltering in place normally requires shutting all doors and windows and maintenance turning off outside air intakes or air handlers. The occupants would remain inside until notified to leave the area.*

If a large scale event occurs on or near a campus, the University Police and local police in conjunction with local, county and state emergency management agencies, and fire departments will announce through the Media Relations Office, the applicable response to the incident.

Depending on the nature of the incident, responses may range from the immediate evacuation of the building or campus to sheltering in place.

The University or local police along with the local fire rescue department will establish perimeter controls and coordinate safety procedures until the incident is stabilized.

If you witness any large- scale event such as these, evacuate the area in a safe direction, assisting others if possible. Stay upwind, uphill, and or upstream from any material released by the event. Call 911 from a safe location and report:

Your name

What happened and where

Extent of injuries, if known

Type of material released, if known