

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Sprott Shaw College (SSC) has comprehensive emergency response structures and processes in place to address all types of emergencies. These are built upon the four key elements of emergency management: **preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation**. Each campus maintains a customized Emergency Management Plan aligned with British Columbia's standardized emergency response system.

Sprott Shaw College's Response Structure

In the event of an on-campus incident, response efforts may involve coordination with police, fire, and ambulance services.

Each campus is supported by a Health and Safety Team, which includes:

- Campus Directors
- Administrative staff
- Designated First Aid Attendants
- Other trained campus employees

This team is equipped to manage emergencies, business disruptions, and any emerging issues that may impact SSC's ability to operate safely and effectively.

Key Emergency Response Priorities

Regardless of the type of emergency, the college follows four guiding priorities:

1. Life Safety – Ensure the safety and well-being of students, staff, and visitors.
2. Incident Stabilization – Contain the incident to prevent escalation.
3. Property & Environmental Preservation – Minimize damage to facilities and the environment.
4. Mission Continuity/Resumption – Resume academic operations with minimal disruption.

Sprott Shaw Alert System

Sprott Shaw uses an alert notification system integrated into the Sprott Shaw App to inform students and employees of urgent situations. Push notifications are sent out to notify the community of any event posing an immediate safety or security risk.

When Is the App Used?

The SSC App is activated during active, urgent situations that may:

- Cause serious harm to individuals
- Result in significant property damage
- Disrupt normal campus operations

Examples of alert-worthy scenarios include:

- Campus closures due to severe weather
- Building evacuations from infrastructure or security concerns
- Active threat situations (e.g., *Get Out. Hide. Fight.* scenarios)

The Campus Director will assess each incident to determine whether the scale and severity require alerting the campus community via the app.

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