

Mountain Lake Biological Station

University of Virginia

DISASTER PLAN

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Emergency: Dial **911**, physical address 240 Salt Pond Road, Mountain Lake Biological Station (UVA)
NOTE: There is no cell service at the Station.

Landline Telephone Locations for use in Emergencies:

Lewis 100 "Stockroom" (open 24/7)	Clayton Cottage "Associate Director's residence" (open 24/7)
Lewis 102 "Main Station Office" (locked when office closed)	Director's Cottage (may be locked)
Lewis 110 (open 24/7)	Rafinesque Cottage "Manager's residence" (may be locked)
Jefferson "dining hall kitchen" (open 24/7)	Tawney Cottage "Caretaker's residence" (may be locked)
Wilbur 103 "Associate Director's office" (may be locked)	
Murray 1 "common kitchen" (may be locked in summer)	

Our physical address is:

**Mountain Lake Biological Station, University of Virginia
240 Salt Pond Road (USPS uses Salt Pond Circle)
Pembroke, VA 24136**

Expect a minimum 20-30 minute response time.

Emergency Medical Resources on Site:

- **AED:** Lewis Hall and Jefferson Dining Hall
 - *Trained and Certified Staff: Butch Brodie, Eric Nagy*
- **First Aid:** Lewis stockroom, Murray kitchen, Wilbur woodshop, state vehicles
 - *Trained and Certified Staff: Jaime Jones, Eric Nagy*

Emergency Procedures: Call **911** if warranted. Alert building occupants and Station staff. **Air horns in some cottages and Dining Hall porch bell** may be used. And see "Disasters" below.

DO NOT ACT ALONE - Please inform a member of the staff of ANY EMERGENCY on the Station, even if you are taking someone to the doctor or hospital yourself.

Emergency / Urgent Contacts:

Police, Fire, Rescue:	911
Poison Control	800-222-1222
On-Site Station Office:	540-626-7196
Director:	Butch Brodie (Director's Cottage)
Associate Director:	Eric Nagy (Clayton Cottage) 540-626-7159 station residence, 434-906-3122 cell
Station Manager:	Jaime Jones (Rafinesque Cottage) 540-626-3985 station residence, 540-520-4665 cell
Facilities Manager:	Tom Mc Namara (Tawney Cottage) 540-626-7171 station residence, 540-544-3054 off-site Residence, 540-230-4339 cell
UVA Campus Office:	434-982-5486 (in Charlottesville)
UVA Campus Security:	434-982-7166 (in Charlottesville)

Fire Extinguishers are available in all main building and all residential cottages.

Fire Hoses are located at both ends of Lewis Hall (hydrant located outside nearest door), in the two small "dog houses" on the lawn. Garden hoses are located on the sides of several cabins, and at the north end of the laundry (Bartram).

First Aid Kits are available in the Dining Hall, Lewis Stockroom, Murray Dorm kitchen, and in all state vehicles. In case of accident, do not move the victim. Wait for a qualified person to assist.

Non-Emergency Situations: e.g. minor accident, power failure, etc., contact any MLBS staff member immediately. During the summer staff are on site 24/7 and will respond as quickly as possible to any crisis

Serious Weather Procedures: Powerful and very fast-moving thunderstorms can result in flooding, hail, lightning strikes, and power outages in and around the Station. If a storm is approaching, take shelter immediately, secure doors and windows, and shutdown or unplug non-essential electronic equipment.

Power Failures are common and may last for many hours. During power failures portable electric generators are deployed to critical systems and equipment by Station staff. Refrigerators, freezers, environmental chambers, and plant and animal growth facilities are tended to within minutes to minimize impact on research samples and organism care. Other equipment and systems are powered next depending on length of power outage and triage decisions by staff. However, it is the responsibility of researchers to act quickly, and ask for staff assistance, to safeguard any active work.

Safety in Remote Mountain Areas: It is the responsibility of all Station visitors to know and use procedures and practices safe in remote wooded mountain environments in all aspects of life and work at Mountain Lake Biological Station. Specific risks and precautions are outlined elsewhere and will be supplied by any staff member. Visitors must prepare for all weather conditions when in the field, as well as guard against, and prepare for, becoming lost. Never go into the field without telling someone where you are going and when you plan to return. Report all missing (or suspected missing) persons to Station staff immediately.

Disasters, Catastrophes, Serious Accidents or Illness: In any disaster or catastrophic situation Station users, visitors, guests, and University employees are required to seek out, and comply with, direction from the Station Director or their representative(s). Due to the remoteness of the facility fire, medical, or law enforcement professionals may not be able to reach the Station for a very long time after a disaster, and evacuation may be impossible. Communication to anyone outside the Station may also be impossible. Station staff are trained in emergency medical and survival techniques and are best equipped to orchestrate actions to safeguard life, limb, and critical facility operations. Outside of human safety and comfort researchers or program leaders will make decisions regarding maintenance of research activities, including care for research organisms. In the case of vertebrate animals, protocols will inform appropriate action if housing or research facilities are not functioning to specifications or are impossible to maintain. Listed animal handlers will decide whether continued or alternate housing, release, or euthanasia is most appropriate on a case by case basis.

Hospitals and Medical Offices:

The nearest hospital (**Carillion Giles Community Hospital**) is in Pearisburg off Rt. 460 west of the Station. There is a larger regional hospital in Blacksburg (**Montgomery Regional Hospital**) on Rte. 460 east of Blacksburg. *Montgomery Regional is often preferred and is recommended if time permits.*

Carillion Giles Community Hospital: 540-921-6000

Lewis Gale Montgomery Regional Hospital: 540-953-3528

Carillion Family Medicine Pearisburg: 540-921-3636 (Wenonah Ave., Pearisburg)

Carillion Family Medicine Blacksburg: 540-951-8380 (N. Main St., Blacksburg)

Blacksburg Primary Care: 540-951-0352 (Plantation Rd., Blacksburg)

Velocity Care, urgent / walk-in clinic: 540-961-8040 (Gilbert St., Blacksburg)

New River Valley Pediatrics: 540-552-7272 (Davis St., Blacksburg)

Dr. Isenhour, Obstetrics & Gynecology: 540-951-1550 (Davis St., Blacksburg)

Other Urgent Contact Information:

Animal Care and Use / Occupational Health Offices at UVA (in Charlottesville):

Director: 434-924-0238

Compliance Safety Officer: 434-924-0238