# In an emergency

## Communicate

- If you have or witness an emergency, **call MIT Police** by dialing 100 from any campus phone or by calling (617)253-1212.
- Look for messages from MIT Alert via text, email, voicemail, twitter (@MITAlert and @MITPolice), Facebook (MIT Alert and MIT Police), and digital signage boards.
- Check [emergency.mit.net](http://emergency.mit.net) for additional information about the emergency.
- Check in with residential life staff, your parents/family, and/or your supervisor.

## Evacuate

If an unsafe situation occurs inside of your building:

- Proceed safely to the nearest exit.
- If it is safe to do so, assist persons with special needs.
- Do not use elevators.
- Evacuate the building and stay clear of the area.
- Await further instructions or the "all clear."

*Examples:*
Fire, chemical spill (indoors), gas leak, flooding

## Plan, Evaluate, Respond

### Run, Hide, Fight

If you encounter an active shooter or violent intruder:

- **First, RUN** if you are able to do so. Get away from the area.
- **If you can’t RUN away, HIDE.** Shelter-in-place, close and lock all windows and doors, and turn phones and computers to silent mode.
- **If you can’t RUN or HIDE, attempt to FIGHT** or counter the intruder using any means available, as a last resort option.

### Shelter-in-Place

If an unsafe situation occurs outside of your building:

- Move to an interior space.
- For severe weather, move to the lowest floor possible.
- If it is safe to do so, assist persons with special needs.
- Remain sheltered until you receive the “all clear.”

*Examples:*
Severe weather, tornado, chemical spill (outdoors).

For earthquakes:
- Shelter indoors and duck, cover, and hold on.