

**WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXECUTIVE POLICY MANUAL**

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## **Executive Policy on Emergency Management**

Washington State University is committed to developing and administering a comprehensive emergency management program to encompass the main WSU campus, the regional campuses, research stations, and other sites throughout the state. This program works in conjunction with the emergency programs of federal, state, and local jurisdictions to endeavor to protect lives and safety of students, faculty, staff, visitors, and animals; safeguard critical infrastructure, facilities, environment, essential records, and research; and resume operations as soon as practicable.

Primary emergency management guidance is contained in the WSU Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. This plan is designed to provide guidance on how to mitigate, plan for, respond, and recover from major emergency situations affecting the University. All campuses, colleges, divisions, departments, units, and offices are to prepare Emergency Response Plans specific to their needs. Emergency planning and preparedness for WSU has developed over many years and is an ongoing process.

Washington State University is committed to the use of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) in the management of all significant emergency incidents on WSU campuses and facilities in the state. NIMS is to be incorporated into all emergency planning, preparedness, response, and recovery documents and guidelines. Use of NIMS also provides for a smooth integration of University emergency operations with those of local community, county, state, and federal emergency operations as needed. Appropriate personnel within the University are required to train, exercise, and utilize the emergency management principles as outlined in NIMS.