

0240.01 General or Isolated Emergencies
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SUBJECT: General or Isolated Emergencies.

APPLICATION: Executive Branch Departments and Sub-units.

PURPOSE: To establish uniform procedures for dealing with emergency situations.

CONTACT AGENCY: Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB) - Property Management Division.

TELEPHONE: 517/373-0987 (7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday)
517/373-0196 (All other times)

FAX: 517/373-7052

SUMMARY: In severe weather or civil commotion situations, the DTMB will notify each designated department representative if offices are to be closed.

For tornadoes, a seek shelter condition will be announced through the Civil Defense siren network or the building Emergency Monitor Program. Employees should comply with applicable evacuation plans.

For fire, notice will be given in accordance with the applicable emergency evacuation plan. Isolated conditions (those occurring at one building which affect employees only in that building) will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. If for some reason a building is deemed to be inaccessible, notice will be provided to the affected department designated representative(s).

The names and telephone numbers of a designated department representative shall be provided to DTMB, Property Management Division. The representative will be the key contact for receiving information from DTMB on decisions made during both business and non-business hours to close state operating space.

The department representative will be the contact person when recommending to DTMB that state operating space be officially closed. Enough corroborating information about existing conditions should be supplied so a well informed decision can be made.

APPLICABLE FORMS: None.

PROCEDURES:

General Information:

- DTMB has delegated authority from the Governor as the control point in case of emergency situations that affect State property and employees. This includes leased space as well as state-owned.
- Decisions will be made by the DTMB director for closure of all state operating space and subsequent release of state employees from their normal work schedule.

Fire:

- Agency:
 - Complies with emergency evacuation plan requirements, as posted in each building.

Inaccessibility:

- Mostly applies to facilities which must be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and therefore cannot be closed (e.g., prisons, hospitals, State Police operations).
- If there are emergencies which cause State and/or local law enforcement authorities to prohibit persons from traveling in the vicinity of such facilities during an emergency, such facilities will be declared inaccessible to employees.
- Decisions and notice will be made in the same manner as for the closure of all state operating space.

Isolated Emergency Situations:

- DTMB:
 - Will make the decision whether to close the operations and communicate the decision to each agency located in the facility and the designated representative of each department.
- Agency:
 - Complies with decisions of DTMB concerning facility closure.
 - The department will call PMD at noted numbers if conditions occur at local level and require a decision.

Severe Weather and Civil Commotion:

- DTMB:
 - Will obtain required information from the Department of State Police, Emergency Management Division (517/373-6271), National Weather Service, local city officials, local police agencies, and major local employers on an ongoing basis should a situation warrant.
 - Will notify department designated representative when state operating space is to be closed for severe weather conditions or civil commotion, including bomb threats.
- Agency:
 - Departments may call the Property Management Division at the listed numbers to determine if offices will be closed.
 - Complies with decision of DTMB concerning closure of state operating space.

Tornado and Shelter Plan:

- DTMB:
 - Will communicate a tornado watch status through the Emergency Monitor Program (See Procedure 0250.01) in PMD operated facilities.
 - Tornado warnings to seek shelter will be given through the Civil Defense siren network or the building Emergency Monitor Program.
- Agency:
 - Complies with the Emergency Monitor Program requirements and applicable emergency evacuation plans, including the posted Civil Defense shelter plan, as appropriate.
 - Employees are to return to their work stations when the "all clear" signal is given by a facility manager, designated emergency coordinator, police or fire official.

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