# MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDE**

## WHEN TO GO



### **EVACUATE**

- · Leave using the nearest exit or an alternate exit if nearest exit is blocked.
- Take personal belongings, but do not delay your exit to retrieve items.
- Do not reenter until instructed by emergency personnel.
- · Stay clear of affected area.

#### **FIRE**

- · Activate nearest fire alarm.
- Evacuate. Stay clear of affected area.
- · Call 911

### **EXPLOSION**

- · Evacuate. Stay clear of affected area.
- · Watch out for falling debris.
- · If you become trapped, tap on a wall or pipe to alert rescuers.
- · Call 911

### SUSPICIOUS PERSONS OR OBJECT

- Do not confront, stop, or apprehend suspicious persons.
- · Do not touch or disturb suspicious objects.
- Note the description and suspicious nature of the persons or objects.
- · Call 911
- Prepare to evacuate if instructed by emergency personnel.

### VIOLENT INCIDENT / ACTIVE SHOOTER

- <u>Run</u>: If safe to do so, get away from the threat. Move quickly and get as far away as you can.
- <u>Hide</u>: If you cannot run from the threat, hide, preferably in a locked or barricaded space. Silence phones and turn off lights. Prepare to fight.
- <u>Fight</u>: If you are being attacked, or are about to be attacked, fight back with all of your energy. Attack with improvised weapons or throw objects. Keep moving.
- · Call 911 if safe to do so.

## WHEN TO STAY



#### SHELTER IN PLACE

- Seek immediate refuge and remain there during an emergency.
- Remain sheltered until you are advised it is safe to leave by emergency personnel.

#### **TORNADO**

- · Seek shelter immediately; go to lowest indoor space away from windows and glass.
- Crouch near the floor or under heavy, wellsupported objects and cover your head.
- If outside, move inside a sturdy structure or lie down in a low area such as a ditch and cover your head.
- · Call 911 to report injuries, fire, gas leaks, debris, etc.

### **MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

- If illness or injury is serious, do not move the person.
- · Call 911
- Send someone to meet emergency personnel outside and direct them to the person's location.

#### HAZARDOUS MATERIAL

- · If danger is outdoors, go inside and shelter in place. If danger is indoors, evacuate the building.
- · Alert others to stay clear of the area.
- · Call 911
- Notify emergency personnel if you have been exposed or have information about the release.

#### UTILITY FAILURES

- If there is a potential danger to occupants, immediately call 911.
- During business hours notify the Physical Plant at:



