

Emergency Plans

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OU Community,

At a time when our nation is engaged in armed conflict in the Middle East, we are understandably receiving questions from the community about Oakland University's emergency plans and procedures.

While we do not anticipate the war in Iraq will have a direct impact on our campus, we are gathering information and making plans to be prepared in the unlikely event Oakland is affected. Should the National Threat Level be raised to red, we expect Oakland University will remain open and classes will be held as usual. If that changes, the university will work closely with area officials to assess the situation and make decisions regarding the appropriate university response. For updated information, I encourage you to rely on Oakland's emergency-closing procedures by checking the [university's website](#) or emergency-closing hotline (248/370-2000).

If you have specific questions or need information, please refer to the new [Emergency Procedures and Information](#) Web page now available from the War Info tab on [The News @ OU](#) -- you can go there by clicking the News button from anywhere on Oakland's website. It is a resource offering websites and phone numbers for Oakland University contacts as well as national, state and other organizations, such as the American Red Cross, to direct you to the right source for answers.

As we exemplified in the aftermath of the 9-11 attacks, it is our hope Oakland University once again will be a model for other academic communities in promoting peace and understanding between diverse groups, including members of different nationalities, faiths and religions. I hope to see the same spirit of understanding as we all honor the freedoms we have in this country to express our many different opinions.

And, for our students and employees who have been called into active military service in the last few weeks and months, we wish them safety and a quick return home.

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