



**Emergency Management and Continuity of Operations # 180.105**

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**POLICY STATEMENT**

It is a mission of FIU to develop and implement a mitigation strategy that serves to ensure the protection of the University community and its educational, research and public service functions through the sustained reduction or elimination of vulnerabilities to all hazards.

**SCOPE**

This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors at all university locations.

**REASON FOR POLICY**

Florida International University faces the risks and consequences of natural, technological and operational emergencies that may result in loss of life, property damage or interruption of essential functions of the University community. Assuring the continuity of Florida International University is implicit in our mission and requires the cooperation and involvement of the University community, stakeholders and partners. The FIU Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is based on the requirements of Florida Statutes Chapter 252 and is wholly and fully supported by all members of FIU’s Policy Group.

<b>DEFINITIONS</b>	
<b>TERM</b>	<b>DEFINITIONS</b>
Emergency	is any incident, potential or actual, which affects an entire building or group of buildings, a person or group of persons, such that there is likely to be a disabling effect or disruptive impact on the overall operation of the University.
Policy Group	is the executive level oversight body who has the authority to make strategic policy decisions during an emergency and appraises the Board of Trustees of any actions taken.

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To effectively mitigate against, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters, the Florida International University (FIU) Department of Emergency Management is tasked with administering the emergency management program for the University. The Director shall execute the emergency management program and maintain a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan that outlines emergency procedures that are intended to accomplish the following:

- Where possible, prevent disasters through hazard mitigation planning.
- When disasters cannot be prevented, mitigate the impact to the University community resulting from such occurrences.
- Prepare the University community to respond to disasters through training, outreach and education.
- Restore essential university functions as quickly as possible to bring the University back to operational status.

### RELATED RESOURCES

[Chapter 252](#)  
[Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan](#)  
[Department of Emergency Management](#)

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