



EMERGENCY DEAN

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We support students and families in crisis.

The Emergency Dean is an after-hours program which operates out of the Office of the Dean of Students to provide logistical support to Illinois students who:

- are experiencing an **emergency situation** and
- the situation requires an **immediate university response** and
- the response **cannot wait** until the next business day.

The Emergency Dean is a full-time employee of the university who volunteers to serve in the program. There is an E-Dean on duty seven days per week and 365 days per year when the Student Assistance Center in the Office of the Dean of Students is closed, from 5 pm–8:30 am on weekdays and all day on weekends. The E-Dean can be contacted at (217) 333-0050.

The E-Dean is not a substitute for emergency personnel such as 911, fire, or police. In life or death situations, emergency personnel should be contacted immediately. Many of these agencies are familiar with the Emergency Dean program and will contact us if we can provide logistical support to students in the aftermath of an emergency.

What does the Emergency Dean do?

The Emergency Dean serves as a mechanism for alerting essential university personnel about an emergent situation involving students and/or the university. A call to the E-Dean may result in local or university police conducting a welfare check or interview of a student of concern. It may result in a university official being dispatched to a scene in which a group of students needs tangible assistance, such as finding temporary shelter or lodging after a fire or flood in a housing complex which is not owned by the university. The E-Dean may forward information on to higher level administrators so that they may develop a response plan in an emerging crisis which has the potential to impact the entire university community (e.g., school shooting; a weather disaster; a chemical spill; etc.).

What situations does the E-Dean respond to?

College can be a very stressful period. Students may have a range of experiences throughout their college career which they perceive as urgent. The E-Dean should only be contacted in the most urgent of these.

Some of these include:

- A fire or flood has resulted in students being displaced from an apartment complex, management is not available to assist and students need lodging for the night.
- A group of Illinois students needs immediate emotional support due to the death or serious injury of a fellow student.
- A student has sent or posted threatening comments and there is concern that others may be at risk.
- A student has indicated that s/he is seriously contemplating suicide and there is some question about whether the student will be safe for the night.

2015-2016 Numbers

103

Emergency Dean contacts

88

Emergency Dean incidents

2014-2015 Numbers

123

Emergency Dean contacts

116

Emergency Dean incidents