



Shelter in Place & Lockdowns

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Shelter in Place

When an external issue is identified and the threat is not immediate, authorities may issue an order to “shelter in place” which means “go indoors and stay inside.”

Shelter in Place orders are usually issued for:

- Natural disasters or environmental conditions: bad air quality due to fire, heavy storms, etc.
- Hazardous material spills, leaks or transport through the area.

Shelter in Place orders may require:

- Wait for and follow directions from authorities or Alert SJSU
- Close windows and doors for environmental issues and switch fans to recirculating mode.
- Locking and barricading doors will typically not be advised during shelter in place.
- Continue as usual: there is no need to reduce volume, turn off lights, lock doors or deny others entry unless explicitly directed to do so by authorities.

Lockdown

This safety measure takes the principles of Shelter in Place and elevates the security response to prevent injuries or loss of life due to a human threat.

Lockdown orders may be issued for:

- Active assailant: armed suspect, current acts of violence, etc.

Lockdown orders may require:

- Go indoors immediately: lock doors, turn off lights, close windows and blinds, and move to a secure area out of sight. Silence phones and pause non-essential activities. If the threat is close or advised by responders, barricade doors.
- Restrict entry and exit of buildings unless told differently by authorities.

**Both situations will require staying updated on instructions from authorities.
Keep devices close to receive texts and other notifications from AlertSJSU.**



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