



The University of Western States (UWS) may issue timely warning notifications if a crime or other dangerous situation is considered a serious and on-going threat to students, faculty, or staff at the main campus or off-site locations. Decisions regarding whether to issue an alert will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Students and employees at an off-site location or separate campus site may also receive timely warning notifications from the office of campus public safety or similar designee at that location.

Such notifications will usually be issued via the campus emergency notification system and/or email to enable individuals to protect themselves. When possible, the date and time of the incident, location and nature of the crime or other dangerous situation will be provided. The full message will be posted to the UWS website and to all pertinent UWS social media sites to receive safety tips and updates regarding the situation when the threat has passed.

The provost or designee shall make the determination whether to issue a timely warning notification as warranted by the situation. The director of communications or designee will distribute the alert as directed by the provost. Questions regarding any alert sent to the campus community should be directed to the provost.

**Related Policies:** [Policy 3020 Closing due to Inclement Weather](#)

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