Buckeye Alerts

A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING UNIVERSITY EMERGENCY ALERTS

What are Buckeye Alerts?

Messages issued by The Ohio State University's Department of Public Safety when it is determined that the campus community needs to take immediate action to remain safe.

When are Buckeye Alerts sent?

Buckeye Alerts, often sent via text message, are issued when it is determined that the campus community needs to take immediate action to remain safe. Such instances could include, but are not limited to, an active shooter or a severe weather event.

What do Buckeye Alerts say?

If a Buckeye Alert is issued, it may contain general information and directions, such as "Buckeye Alert! Emergency on Columbus campus: More info soon. Be observant/take action as needed." In this instance, a second Buckeye Alert is likely to follow containing additional details like the incident location or the specific type of emergency. More information can often be found at **emergency.osu.edu**.

How do I know a Buckeye Alert has been issued?

These messages may be sent using a variety of communications tools including text message, e-mail, university webpages, the Ohio State mobile app and social media. Any current student, faculty or staff member with a registered cell phone number through the university's registrar or HR systems should automatically be enrolled to receive Buckeye Alert text messages. If you do not receive these alerts, you can sign up at **https://dps.osu.edu/alert-notices**.

Key Terms

Shelter in Place

Stay away from windows. In a lecture hall or classroom, shut, lock or barricade the door. Do not allow access to anyone other than police or any public safety official.

RUN   **HIDE**   **FIGHT**

Run. Hide. Fight.

If you can get out, **run**: escape or evacuate. If you cannot get out safely, find a place to **hide**. Turn out lights and lock or barricade doors. As a last resort if your life is at risk, **fight** with aggression to disarm or incapacitate the aggressor.
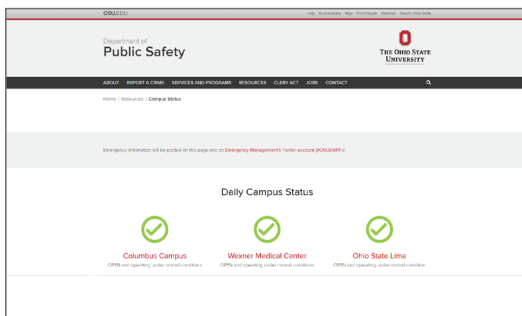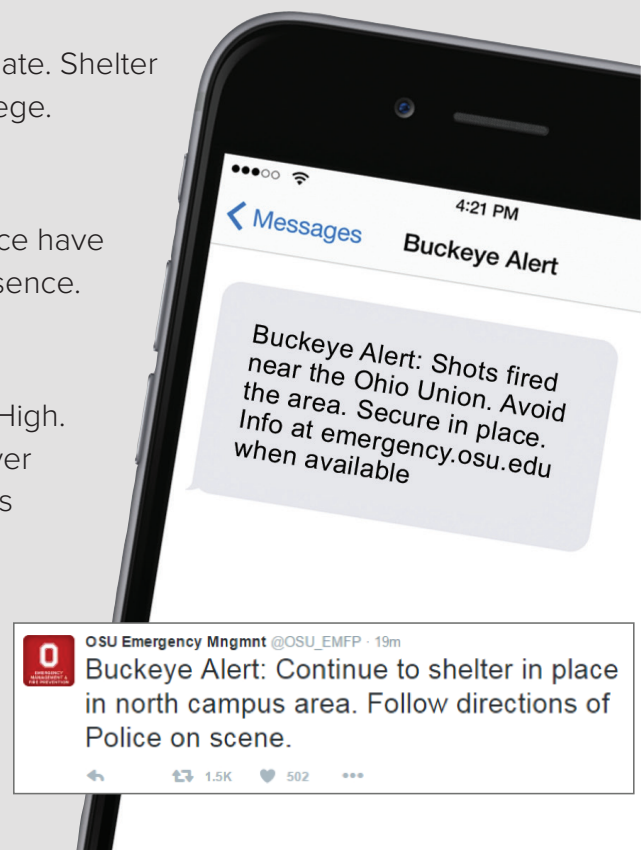
▶ Watch the video, "Surviving an Active Aggressor" **dps.osu.edu/active-aggressor**

The phrase Run. Hide. Fight.© is a registered trademark of the city of Houston.

Buckeye Alert Message Examples:

- Buckeye Alert! Emergency on Columbus campus: More info soon. Be observant/take action as needed.

- Buckeye Alert: Active Shooter on campus. Run Hide Fight. Suspect last seen 12th and High. Police responding.

- Buckeye Alert: Police continue to investigate. Shelter in place and avoid the area 19th and College. More info here: emergency.osu.edu

- Buckeye Alert: Shelter in place lifted, police have secured scene & will maintain visible presence. Avoid 9th and Neil: emergency.osu.edu

- Buckeye Alert: Armed robbery Lane and High. White male 6'-6'3. Drk pants, gray shirt over face. Last seen heading north twd campus

- Buckeye Alert: Extra Police patrols in area south of campus. Be vigilant and aware of surroundings. Call 911 if indv. seen.

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‹ Messages **Buckeye Alert**

Buckeye Alert: Shots fired near the Ohio Union. Avoid the area. Secure in place. Info at emergency.osu.edu when available

OSU Emergency Mngmnt @OSU_EMFP · 19m
Buckeye Alert: Continue to shelter in place in north campus area. Follow directions of Police on scene.

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When you receive a Buckeye Alert visit
emergency.osu.edu for the latest information.

Please follow Emergency Management on
Twitter (@OSU_EMFP).

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