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.**
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 Shooter”
https://dps.osu.edu/active-shooter

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