# EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

## UWA Key Medical Personnel & Emergency Contacts

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Athletes to the Hospital
Athletes that need immediate attention by the hospital or the team physician should be transported to Hill Hospital in York, Alabama. Upon arrival the attending athletic trainer should notify the nurse on duty of the problem. The nurse will then contact the team physician and/or the x-ray technician. The attending athletic trainer should make himself/herself available to talk with the physician if necessary unless he is needed to help care for the athlete. The attending athletic trainer should keep in mind that he is not finished with his/her job because he/she has delivered the athlete to the hospital. DO NOT leave the athlete until the hospital staff and physicians are in control of the situation and you have been relieved. The attending athletic trainer is responsible for the athlete’s equipment and clothing. He or she should bring the equipment and clothing, back to the university and place it in the athlete’s locker and then deliver the personal clothes to the athlete. The attending athletic trainer is to report to their supervising athletic trainer, as soon as he or she is no longer needed at the hospital.

Road Trip Emergency Medical Procedure
Whenever traveling with a university athletic team and an athlete requires hospitalization or a physician's attention, you should always adhere to the following procedure.

• If at all possible, wait until you reach Livingston before seeking medical attention. However, the athlete’s health and well being is most important. If you are in doubt, quickly seek the closest medical attention. Always err on the side of good judgment.
• If you are near the opponent’s hometown, always seek help from the opponent's athletic trainer and team physician, if possible.
• Always introduce yourself to the opponent’s athletic trainer and/or team physician before the athletic contest begins. If an emergency arises, they will already be familiar with you.
• Always offer your services to an injured opponent, even if you are at his home facility. In certain situations you may be the most knowledgeable in the area of sports medicine if the opponent does not have an athletic trainer or physician present. Never force yourself or your services on an injured opponent; leave the decision to them and their coach.
• Always carry insurance and medical history information on your athletes in your kit.
• Whenever our athletes need medical attention out of town, first file all bills to his/her insurance, then any subsequent bills should be charged to the athlete at his/her home address. Copies should be sent to the head athletic trainer at the university’s address (UWA, Station #14, Livingston, AL 35470).
• Contact the head athletic trainer as soon as possible if the injury is serious. The head athletic trainer may then contact the athlete's parents and/or spouse.
• Attending athletic trainers may stay with the injured athlete at the hospital if necessary. This should not be done unless there are other university athletic trainers to cover potential injuries of the remaining team members. There is always the possibility of a more serious injury to another team member.
• If the head or other staff athletic trainers cannot be reached by telephone, then the student athletic trainer should leave his/her number with the University Campus Police and have them locate a staff athletic trainer as soon as possible.
• Only medical treatment that is absolutely necessary should be administered by non-university medical personnel; if possible, all secondary medical treatment should be handled by the university medical staff.

Emergency Procedure at Home Competitions or Practices
The highest ranking athletic trainer stays with the injured athlete until transportation is complete or the situation is turned over to EMT’s and/or team physician(s). This procedure applies to potential serious head injuries, potential spinal cord injury, vertebral fractures and dislocations, heat stroke victims, cardiac patients, any unconscious athlete, any athlete with convulsions, or any serious unstable condition. It is the responsibility of the other athletic trainers to quickly find out as much as possible about the involved athlete and his condition before departing with the athlete to the medical facility. This is important, as he/she will need to relate this information to other medical personnel. Each and every UWA athletic trainer should make themselves aware of the surroundings in relation to emergencies upon arrival at every practice to look for potential injury situations that can be prevented. Each UWA athletic trainer has a responsibility if an emergency arises. Once it is determined that the EMS system must be activated, attempt to help by doing one of the following things:

1. The athletic trainer should always try to remain calm in any crisis; also as the athletic trainer approaches the injured athlete he/she should quickly examine the scene and secure it before trying to help the athlete.
2. With the scene secure the athletic trainer should try to talk to the athlete. If the athlete is unresponsive then the athletic trainer should assume that the athlete has at least a head or spinal injuries and secure the c-spine. If other athletic trainers are present the athletic trainer with the most seniority will aid in the evaluation, also another athletic trainer will go and activate the local EMS unit only at the request of the senior athletic trainer (on the scene).

3. The athletic trainer holding the c-spine should be able to check or conduct a primary survey checking the airway, breathing, and circulation. The other athletic trainer(s) should start gathering information about the injury from other players or witnesses.

4. If the athlete is conscious and coherent the assisting athletic trainer should question the athlete about his/her injury, i.e., what happened or what were you doing when, etc. The assisting athletic trainer should do a secondary survey while the athlete is talking.

5. If possible find if the athlete has any predisposing factors, i.e., diabetes, previous heat problems, etc. Also, if the injury is not head or spinal cord related the athletic trainer holding the c-spine may release it only after permission from the most senior athletic trainer on site.

6. The athletic trainer should always be aware of the possibility of the athlete going into shock at any time after an injury no matter how minor the injury may appear, and the athletic trainer must be prepared to manage it. The athlete should not be moved under most circumstances with the exception of heat illness.

7. The athletic trainers evaluating and attending to the athlete should stay with the athlete and wait for the ambulance to arrive and transport the athlete. Another athletic trainer should go to the entrance of the practice area and wait for the ambulance to arrive and direct them to the scene. When the ambulance arrives, one of the athletic trainers will relay all information including vital signs, evaluation results, and any special problems to the EMT's. Another athletic trainer should get the insurance and medical history information of the athlete. The athlete's insurance information is to be taken to the hospital by the athletic trainer riding with the athlete on the ambulance.

8. One athletic trainer is to ride in the ambulance with the athlete to the health care facility. Another will get the state vehicle and follow the ambulance to the hospital.

9. Always have someone contact the head athletic trainer or one of the senior athletic trainers immediately if they are not on site.

10. Never leave the scene unless another athletic trainer is on site to monitor the remaining athletes as the practice or game continues.

11. If it is a visiting team, assist the attending visiting athletic trainer however they deem appropriate without breaking the above actions.

Football Emergency Procedures (Tiger Stadium)

1. When a football player is injured on the playing field the head athletic trainer, assistant athletic trainer, or director of sports medicine, and the student athletic trainer on primary field watch go to the athlete to evaluate the problem. If the athlete is unconscious when they arrive the closest person to the head of the athlete should hold cervical stabilization, while one of the other athletic trainers performs a primary survey. On the sidelines, the athletic trainer with secondary injury management should be able to see one of the attending athletic trainers and watch for the signals for the emergency equipment. The signals for the c-collar and spine board are as follows: for the c-collar both hands clasped around the neck and for the spine board take both hands with thumbs extended and point to the spine with them. Also, the athletic trainers should take the face mask removal tool out of the white trunk when they get the c-collar, to cut off the face mask, if necessary.

2. If the one of the staff athletic trainers believe the injury to be life threatening or a serious head injury then they should send for the emergency equipment and the team physician. One of the athletic trainers should then proceed to the ambulance and direct them in to the scene (or go into Homer Field House and enact the EMS from one of the phones if the ambulance happens not to be on the scene).

3. While that is going on, the athletic trainer with emergency transportation should get the insurance and emergency information from the field kit to take with them on the ambulance. The team physician should be with the injured athlete by this time and should be doing a diagnostic examination. Another athletic trainer will get the state vehicle and follow the ambulance to the health care facility and report by phone any outcome to the senior staff athletic trainers. Make sure all equipment is gathered and returned when you return form the health care facility.
Football Emergency Procedures (Practice Field)

1. When an athlete is injured the athletic trainer closest to the athlete should carefully approach the athlete and secure the scene before trying to help the athlete.

2. The first athletic trainer at the scene must establish the level of consciousness of the athlete. If the athlete appears dazed or unconscious the athletic trainer must assume the athlete has a spinal injury and should stabilize the cervical spine. After this is done that athletic trainer should do a quick primary survey checking the airway, breathing, and circulation. When a senior staff athletic trainer arrives at the scene the athletic trainer holding c-spine should give all the information found so far to him/her. The senior staff athletic trainer should make the decision to call the ambulance. One athletic trainer will go to the UWA physical plant and call 911 (or use on-site cellular phone). Another will clear a pathway from the gate to the scene, via the established EMS route. Another will get all emergency equipment needed and bring it to the scene.

3. The senior staff athletic trainer should do a secondary survey and check the vital signs of the injured athlete. The athletic trainer should also be aware that the athlete may go into shock at any time after the injury, so he/she must be looking for any sign of shock while evaluating the athlete and be prepared to manage it.

4. When the ambulance arrives at the field the senior staff athletic trainer should give the EMT’s all information about the athlete including vital signs, level of consciousness, and mechanism of injury. One athletic trainer should have the athlete’s insurance and emergency information ready and he/she should be ready to leave with the athlete to go to the hospital. Another athletic trainer will get the state vehicle and follow the ambulance to the health care facility. Make sure all equipment is gathered and returned when you return form the health care facility.

EMERGENCY PLAN RELATED INFORMATION

Weather events: In the case of inclement weather, the attending athletic trainer will recommend to the head coach that practice or competition be terminated (the ultimate decision will be with the attending athletic trainer). Decisions will be based on NCAA recommendations concerning threatening weather. All personnel will immediately seek shelter at designated areas, (football practice-Moon Hall loading dock, football game-Homer Field House locker room, baseball-dugout or locker room, softball-dugout or locker room, rodeo-barn, cross country-nearest safe shelter to the area they are running at). Of note, once a game or competition has begun, the umpire or official holds the responsibility of game termination. The athletic director has the authority to override the official’s decision in the case of inclement weather. Also, all issued weather warnings will be heeded by all of UWA’s athletic teams. The University’s Campus Police are to go to each venue and warn them of any impending thunderstorm or tornado warnings. Refer to the Lightning Safety Policy.

Location of all phones

Phones for emergency actions are available for the following sports at the following locations in the event that an onsite cellular phone is not accessible:

1. **Tiger Football stadium:** access to a phone is located within James P. Homer field house on either the first or second floors: in the taping room (#116), equipment room (#113), secretary’s office (#221), and the athletic training room (#216).

2. **Football practice field:** access to a phone at the practice field is located across the street in Moon Hall (physical plant). After regular hours you must enter the left hand, side door to reach a phone in the first office to the right.

3. **Pruitt Hall Gymnasium:** phone access in Pruitt Hall is located in Room #28 (PE Office) or #32 (athletic training room).

UNIVERSITY OF WEST ALABAMA ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Lightning Safety Policy

Lightning is a dangerous phenomenon. Athletic teams that practice and compete outdoors are at risk when the weather is inclement. The Athletic Training staff has developed a lightning safety policy to minimize the risk of injury from a lightning strike to University of West Alabama athletes, coaches, support staff and fans. To monitor lightning the Athletic Training staff will utilize both the Flash-to-Bang Method and a SkyScan Lightning/Storm Detector. Our policy is in accordance with the 2003-2004 NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook regarding lightning safety.
GENERAL POLICY: A member of the Athletic Training Staff (certified or student staff) will monitor the weather and make the decision to notify the head coach or officials of dangerous situations and recommend the suspension of activity in the event of lightning. Exceptions will be made for any activity where an Athletic Training staff member is not in attendance, whereby the supervising coach will have the ability to suspend activity. The decision to suspend activity will be based on:

♦ Two subsequent readings on the SkyScan Lightning/Storm Detector in the 8-20 mile range regardless of the presence of visible lightning. (This device is portable and will be in the possession of the athletic training staff member or supervising coach.) and/or

♦ Utilization of the Flash-to-Bang Method (Count the seconds from the time the lightning is sighted to when the clap of thunder is heard. Divide this number by five to obtain how far away, in miles, the lightning is occurring.)

2003-2004 NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook. If it reveals lightning to be within 6 miles (a 30 second count between the flash of lightning and the bang of thunder) activity is to be suspended and everyone should seek shelter immediately.

PRIOR TO COMPETITION: A member of the Athletic Training staff and/or Athletic Director will greet the officials, explain that we have a means to monitor the lightning, and offer to notify the officials during the game if there is imminent danger from the lightning. The Athletic Director and game officials will then decide whether to discontinue play.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUSPENSION OF ACTIVITY: Once it is determined that there is danger of a lightning strike, the Athletic Training staff member will notify the head coach and/or official and subsequently immediately remove all athletes, coaches, and support staff from the playing field or practice area/facility.

EVACUATION OF THE PLAYING FIELD: Immediately following the announcement of suspension of activity all athletes, coaches, officials and support personnel are to evacuate to the nearest enclosed grounded structure.

OUTDOOR INSTRUCTIONS: If no safe structure or location is within a reasonable distance, find a thick grove of small trees surrounded by taller trees, a dry ditch without water, or seek a flat area (do not chose an open area where you will be the highest object). When there, crouch down wrapping your arms around your knees and lower your head to minimize contact with the ground and wait for the storm to pass. (2003-2004 NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook)

REMEMBER: an automobile, golf cart, or open shelter are not ideal shelters, but will offer you some protection from a lightning strike. Do not touch any metal structures directly after a lightning strike.

At UWA

• Football Practice: Evacuate to the loading dock of Moon Hall (Physical Plant)
• Football Game: Evacuate to the locker room in Homer Field House

Away Events: All UWA athletic teams participating outdoors will travel with the SkyScan Lightning/Storm Detector. A member of the Athletic Training staff will notify the host Athletic Training staff member and game officials before competition and explain that we have a means to monitor the lightning. We will offer to notify the officials during the game if there is imminent danger from the lightning. The UWA Athletic Training staff reserves the right to discontinue playing, in the event the game officials have not suspended play with the knowledge of inclement weather.

EVACUATION OF THE STANDS: During a competition, once the decision to suspend activity has been made, a representative of the athletic department will announce via the PA system:

1. Fans are advised to immediately seek shelter in the nearest enclosed, grounded shelter. (Football-Pruitt Hall, Armory, or vehicles)
2. REMEMBER: an automobile, golf cart, or open-sided shelter may not protect you from a lightning strike so these are not adequate shelters.

RESUMPTION OF ACTIVITY: During practice, activity may resume under the following conditions. This decision will be based on:

♦ Thirty minutes AFTER the last lightning strike within an 8-20 mile range on the SkyScan Lightning Detector.
Thirty minutes AFTER the last lightning strike within a 6-mile range using the Flash-To-Bang method. During a
game situation the activity will resume once the Athletic Director, Athletic Training staff member and officials
have conferred and the above criteria have been met.

1. There should be no contact with metal objects (bleachers, fences, golf clubs, bats)
2. Avoid single or tall trees, tall objects and standing in a group.
3. If there is no other shelter you may seek refuge in a hardtop vehicle. It is not the rubber tires that protect from
lightning; it is the hard top metal roof that dissipates the lightning around the vehicle.
4. The existence of blue skies and/or absence of rain are not protection from lightning. Lightning can strike 10 miles
from the rain shaft.
5. DO NOT LIE FLAT ON THE GROUND
6. Avoid using a land line telephone. Cell phones are a safe alternative if in a safe structure.
7. Avoid standing water and open fields
8. If in a forest, seek shelter in a low area under a thick grove of small trees.
9. If you feel your skin tingling immediately crouch and grab your legs and tuck your head as described above
to minimize your body’s surface area.
10. Persons who have been struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge. Therefore, enact the EMS system and
provide emergency care. CPR is what is most often required. If possible, move the victim to a safe location.
11. For additional information refer to the National Lightning Safety Institute at www.lightningsafety.com

DIRECTIONS FOR USING THE SKYSCAN LIGHTNING DETECTOR.
1. Prior to practice or competition, monitor weather forecast via the Internet or by calling local agencies for up to date
information.
2. Check for any National Weather Service-issued thunderstorm “watches” and “warnings”.
3. Monitor the weather for the following: sudden decrease in temperature, increase in air movement, sudden increase in
humidity, visible dark clouds (though these do not have to be present for a lightning strike to occur)
4. Communicate with officials and/or head coach prior to activity about potential for bad weather and our monitoring
system.
5. Locate the SkyScan Lightning/Storm Detector in an area removed from other electronic devices or machinery, which
could cause a false triggering.
6. The SkyScan Lightning/Storm Detector is designed to work in a vertical position.
7. Turn the unit on, by depressing the on/off switch
8. Allow the unit to perform a self-check and make sure all lights are working correctly.
9. If you are using the AC Adapter, depress the “Battery Save” button twice to extend the life of the back up batteries.
10. Press the tone button to activate the warning tone. (This must be done every time the lightning detector is turned on.)
11. Set the range of detection by depressing the “Range Select” button until the 8-20 mile light is illuminated.
12. Each time the SkyScan detects a lightning stroke it emits an audible warning tone for 1 second (it is not very loud so
if there is ANY chance of bad weather you must have the SkyScan out where you can see and hear it).
13. Following the beep the lightning Range Indicator column will light up for approximately 3 seconds. The single
indicator corresponding to the range of the detected stroke will blink for approximately 25 seconds.
14. Activity will be suspended when:
   A. The SkyScan registers 2 consecutive lightning strokes within the 8-20 mile range
   B. The Flash/Bang Method reveals lightning within a 6 mile range (30 second or less count between the flash of
      lightning and the bang of thunder)
15. Once you have determined that there is imminent danger of a lightning strike, communicate to the head coach and/or
head official.
16. Evacuate the field and stands to an enclosed-grounded building. REMEMBER, a golf cart, automobile, or open
shelter does not provide protection from a lightning strike. If there is no available shelter IE, cross-country, each
individual should see an area that is flat and in the open. Crouch down wrapping your arms around your knees and
remain in that position until the danger of lightning has passed.
17. Activity may be resumed only IF the danger of a lightning strike is no longer present. This decision to resume
activity is to be made by a member of the Athletic Training Staff, Athletic Director of Head Official.
18. The SkyScan can also detect severe weather conditions (high winds, tornadoes, etc) that may pose a threat to human
life. The severe weather audible warning lasts for 15 seconds and the corresponding indicator on the unit lights up.
FLASH-to-BANG Lightning Detection Method

This method of lightning detection should be used in conjunction with the SkyScan.

1. Prior to practice or competition, monitor weather forecast to include calling local agencies for up to date information.
2. Watch for the flash of lightning.
3. Begin to count (one one thousand, two one thousand . . . . )
4. Stop counting when you hear the bang of thunder.
5. Take this number and divide by 5. This will give you an approximation of how far away the lightning is (5 seconds = 1 mile). EXAMPLE: You see a flash of lightning and you begin to count. You reach 45 before you hear the bang of thunder. 45÷5 = 9. The lightning would be approximately 9 miles away. Using this method you would suspend activity with lightning at or within 6 miles.
6. Activity is resumed with the permission of a member of the Athletic Training Staff 30 minutes after the last lightning detected at or within 6 miles.

SCRIPT FOR CONVERSATION WITH OFFICIAL

Hello, my name is ________________________. I am a member of the University of West Alabama Athletic Training Staff. I would like to speak with you regarding our lightning safety procedures. On site we have a lightning detector which I will use to monitor lightning. In accordance to NCAA recommendations, lightning detected within 8-20 miles is considered to pose an imminent threat. Per UWA's lightning safety policy, when the lightning detector reveals 2 consecutive strikes within the 8-20 mile range OR the flash/bang method reveals lightning less than 6 miles we strongly recommend suspending activity until the danger of a lightning strike has passed. We have a communication system to inform all participants and any fans.

Chain of Action for Lightning Emergencies

- Athletic Training Staff Member Monitors Weather
  - LIGHTNING STRIKE
  - Imminent Danger Detected
    - Signal to Players to suspend activity
    - Evacuate Players, Coaches, Officials, and Support Staff
    - PA Announcement to Fans
      - Appropriate shelter
    - Evacuate fans
    - Athletic Training Staff Monitor Lightning
      - If Safe, Resume Activity
      - If danger remains, cancel activity
Lightning Detection Procedures for Athletes during Non Supervised Activities

Examples: athletes using facilities in the off season, or outside of regular practice hours

Lightning is a dangerous phenomenon. Athletic teams that practice and compete outdoors are at risk when the weather is inclement. The safest measure to take is to proceed indoors whenever you see thunderclouds forming and remain until the storm passes. Just because you can not see lightning does not mean you are not at risk if you are outdoors. Other warning signs of impending bad weather include: sudden decrease in temperature, sudden change in humidity, increase in air movement, and visible dark storm clouds (though these are not always present during a lightning strike). The Athletic Training staff has a lightning detection policy in place for practices and games; however, we are aware that athletes often use UWA’s athletic facilities when there is no supervision by the coaches. In the event athletes are using the facilities without supervision, the Athletic Training staff would like to educate you and encourage you to use FLASH-to-BANG method to monitor the proximity of the lightning. THE FLASH-to-BANG Method is an approximation of the distance of the lightning NO METHOD OF LIGHTNING DETECTION CAN DETECT EVERY STRIKE.

The Flash-bang method of lightning detection:

1. Auditory: Flash-to-Bang Theory

   To use this method, count the seconds from the time the lightning “flash” is sighted to when the clap of thunder “bang” is heard. Divide this number by five to obtain how far away (in miles) the lightning is occurring. For example, if fifteen seconds are counted between seeing the “flash” and hearing the “bang”, fifteen divided by five equals three. Therefore, the lightning flash is approximately three miles away.
   ♦ Each five seconds equal one mile
   ♦ If the time between seeing the “flash” and hearing the “bang” is between 15-30 seconds (3-6 miles), teams should take precautions and seek shelter.

   *The National Severe Storms Laboratory recommends that by the time the spotter obtains a “flash-to-bang” count of fifteen seconds, all individuals should have left the athletic site and reached “safe shelter”.

PA ANNOUNCEMENT DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

May I have your attention? We have been notified of approaching inclement weather. Activity will cease until we have determined it is safe and the risk of lightning is diminished. We advise you to seek shelter in the following areas:

AT UWA:
1. Football Game: Evacuate to Pruitt Hall Gymnasium, the armory, or your vehicle
2. Softball Game: Evacuate to the Student Union Building or your vehicle
3. Baseball Game: Evacuate to your vehicle
4. Cross Country Race: Suitable Structure, ditch without water, group of trees, your vehicle, etc.
5. Rodeo: Evacuate to the Rodeo Barn or your vehicle

Though protection from lightning is not guaranteed, you may seek shelter in an automobile.

Thank you for your cooperation.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT FOR ALL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

As a member of the University of West Alabama Athletic Department, I attest that I have read, understand, and will adhere to the University of West Alabama Athletic Department Lightning Safety policy.

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Signature of staff member   Date

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Witness signature   Date
Hours of normal operation of key personnel

The UWA Athletic Training & Sports Medicine Center is open in the Fall Semester from 6:30am until 6:30pm, Monday through Friday. During the Spring Semester, the athletic training room will be open from 7:00am until 5:30pm. Additionally, the athletic training room will be open from 8:00am until 10:00am every Saturday during the Fall Semester. Regular treatment times for UWA athletes will be from 6:30am until 8:00am in the fall, 1:00pm until 3:00pm, and 5:00pm until 6:30pm. In the spring, the times will be from 7:00am until 8:00am, 1:00pm until 5:30pm. Any other treatment time for UWA athletes will be scheduled at the discretion of the attending athletic trainers.

Dr. William R. Simpkins, Local Team Physician, will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 12:00 and 3:00 pm until 5:00pm, except on Wednesday when his office closes at noon. Any need of an athlete to see the physician will be handled through the athletic trainers and referred to Dr. Simpkins. Usually, clinic for all university students is from 12:30pm until 1:30pm at his office.

Alabama Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm. Arrangements for visits with any of the physicians will also be made through the athletic trainers.

The physician’s clinic provided by the Alabama Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center will be performed by Dr. Lyle Cain and the fellows of Dr. James R. Andrews and Dr. William G. Clancy. The clinic will be on every Wednesday during the Fall Semester from 9:00am until 11:00am. During the Spring Semester, clinic will be on every other Wednesday from 9:00am until 11:00pm. All athletes with injuries or injury follow-up will be scheduled during these times for evaluation.

When EMS is on site

The City of Livingston Ambulance Service will be on site during all UWA home football games. Additionally, they will be present during all sanctioned UWA rodeo events (athletic and fund-raising).

Insurance info and medical history on hand for all students in kits both home and away

Each athletic training student assigned to work a varsity athletic sport is required to carry a copy of each individual athlete’s insurance and medical information with them to practices and events both home and away. Also, each student will take a listing of all pertinent numbers to contact in case of emergency.

Football will always have a copy of the medical information and insurance of each student athlete permanently stored in the white travel trunk with easy access for all to acquire if necessary. The cheerleaders and dance team (Scat Cats) coach or supervisor will also carry a copy of their insurance and medical information with them when they are traveling or attending events without the accompaniment of a UWA student or staff athletic trainer.

Who is notified when a catastrophic event occurs: administrator, parents, coach

Whenever a catastrophic accident, emergency situation, severe or fatal injury occurs, the attending staff athletic trainer will contact the following parties, in the following order: Other athletic training staff members, the athletic director, head coach of that sport, and the parent or guardian noted as the emergency contact on the student-athlete’s medical information.

If the attending athletic trainer is a graduate assistant or student, they should first contact the head athletic trainer or the director of sports medicine. If they are unable to reach either one of these people, they should contact the assistant athletic trainer. Following contact with one of the athletic training staff members, they should be ready to follow any instruction deemed important by the attending staff member.

Keys to all athletic gates and who needs one

In case of emergency at a location with the potential for locked gates, a single person, denoted by the athletic director, will be responsible for having access to a key to unlock any gate or door that may hinder the prompt emergency care of a student athlete. This representative must be someone who is available at all times at each of these venues (usually the head or assistant coach).

Location of all phones

Phones for emergency actions are available for the following sports at the following locations:

1. **Tiger Football stadium:** access to a phone is located within James P. Homer field house on either the first or second floors in the taping room (#116), equipment room (#113), secretary’s office (#221), and the athletic training room (#216).
2. **Football practice field:** access to a phone at the practice field is located across the street in Moon Hall (physical plant). After regular hours you must enter the left hand, side door to reach a phone in the first office to the right.

3. **Pruitt Hall Gymnasium:** phone access in Pruitt Hall is located in Room #28 (PE Office) or #32 (athletic training room). Additionally, there is a pay phone located on the left-hand side of the main entrance to the gymnasium.

**ATC availability**

A certified member of the athletic training staff (usually two) will always be present at all home and away UWA football practices, games, travel, and required out of season activities except weight lifting. During weight lifting a certified staff member will be on duty in the athletic training room directly up stairs from the weight room.

A certified athletic trainer will be on duty in the athletic training room from 7:00am until ~6:30pm each day throughout the fall and spring semesters. Additionally, certified athletic trainers will be at several practices throughout each week for all sports other than football.

Also, there will always be a certified member of the athletic training staff at all home contests, whatever the sport.

**Physician availability**

Dr. William R. Simpkins, family practice team physician, will be available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00am-12:30pm and 3:00-5:00pm, and on Wednesday from 9:00am until 12:30pm for referral of our athletes. He is also available to reach by phone at home by phone at any time not specified by the above times.

Our Medical Director, Dr. Lyle Cain, and our other team orthopaedists, as well as fellows of Dr. James R. Andrews and Dr. William Clancy, will be available for patient evaluation and follow-up on each Wednesday of the fall semester and every other Wednesday of the spring semester from 9:00-11:00am. Additionally, they will be in attendance at all home and away football contests. One of the fellows will also be in attendance at our home rodeo contests.

Dr. James R. Andrews and Dr. Lyle Cain will be available for referral and evaluation at Health South Medical Center in Birmingham, AL on Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm.

In an emergency situation, an athlete can be transported to either Hill Hospital in York, AL, Rush Foundation Hospital, Riley Memorial Hospital, or Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center, all of Meridian, MS.

On occasion, an athlete may be transported to DCH Regional Medical Center in Tuscaloosa, AL.

In a dental emergency, Dr. Darrell Hoggle or Dr. T.C. Looney, of Livingston, AL will see our athletes. Their offices will be open from 9:00am until 4:30pm Monday-Friday. They can also be reached at home for any referral outside of regular office hours.
Plan for Access to Tiger Football Stadium

Tiger Drive

Country Club Road

Concession Room

Tiger Drive

EMS

Homer Field House

Press Box

Home Stands

Visitor Stands

EMS

EMS
Plan for access to Pruitt Hall Gymnasium & Athletic Training Room

- Ice Room and Concessions
- PE Staff Offices #28
- WBK Locker Room #29 A
- VB Locker Room #29 B
- PE Classroom #30
- Visitor Dressing Room #31
- Pruitt Hall Athletic Training Room #32
- MBK Dressing Room #33
EMS Route for Football Practice Field
Floor Plan of Second Floor of James P. Homer Field House with EMS Access

The elevator has access from a door under the stairs on the first floor and can also be used in the case of an emergency.