University of Rhode Island

Emergency Phones

University of Rhode Island Emergency Phones are located throughout the URI Kingston Campus on walkways, parking areas, and in elevators of various campus buildings and residence halls. There are also Emergency Phones located at the URI Narragansett Bay Campus and the W. Alton Jones Campus in West Greenwich.

Outdoor Emergency Phones are mounted in a steel column, or wall mounted directly to buildings. All of the outside Emergency Phones have a blue light above them, and All Campus Alert Phones also have a red beacon on top. The All Campus Alert Phones allow us to broadcast a live or pre-recorded message throughout the campus, causing the red beacon to flash. All Emergency Phones can be used for calling within the university phone system and have a red emergency button to connect you directly with Dispatch, 401-874-2121. The phones are programmed with an automatic identifier so that the Public Safety Dispatcher will know your location when the call is answered. When getting acquainted with the campus, try to note the locations of these phones.

How to Use the Blue Light Emergency Phone

1. To activate Emergency Blue Light Phone:

Press the RED emergency button and phone will automatically dial URI Public Safety at 401-874-2121. Wait for the dispatcher to answer and explain the problem. A blue light will flash at the phone so that responding personnel can more easily locate you.

2. To activate keypad:

Press the black button and wait for a dial tone, then Dial the URI internal extension number, (for example 4-2121). Press the black button when completed.