

Rice County

Emergency Response Procedures Plan for Rice County, Minnesota

This plan provides a framework for responding to emergencies within Rice County, Minnesota, including key contacts, local authorities, evacuation procedures, first aid and medical assistance, and how to report an incident.

1. Emergency Contacts

Key Emergency Numbers:

- Emergency Services (Fire, Medical, Police): 911
- Highmark Companies:
 - HR Manager: (763) 270-7623
 - Risk & Compliance Manager: (763) 270-7619
 - Nurse Hotline: (844) 412-7951
- Rice County Sheriff's Office (Non-Emergency): (507) 332-6000
- Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222
- Rice County Public Health: (507) 332-6111
- American Red Cross (Local Chapter): (507) 287-2200
- National Weather Service (Weather Alerts): 1-800-889-6889

2. Local Authorities

- Rice County Sheriff's Office
 - Phone: (507) 332-6000
 - Address: 118 NW 3rd St, Faribault, MN 55021
 - Services: Law enforcement, emergency management, disaster response.
- Faribault Police Department
 - Phone: (507) 334-4305 (Non-emergency)
 - Address: 25 4th St NW, Faribault, MN 55021
 - Services: Public safety, patrol, investigations, emergency assistance.
- Northfield Public Safety Department
 - Phone: (507) 645-4477 (Non-emergency)
 - Address: 1615 Riverview Dr, Northfield, MN 55057
 - Services: Police and fire services, EMS coordination.

3. Evacuation Procedures

Evacuation Routes and Shelters:

- Designated Evacuation Routes: Interstate 35, MN Highway 60, MN Highway 3.
- Evacuation Shelters:
 - Faribault High School - 330 9th Ave SW, Faribault, MN 55021
 - Northfield High School - 1400 Division St S, Northfield, MN 55057
 - Rice County Fairgrounds Building - 1814 NW 2nd Ave, Faribault, MN 55021

Evacuation Procedure:

1. Monitor Alerts: Use NOAA radio and official emergency broadcasts.
2. Follow Orders: Adhere to evacuation instructions.

3. Secure Premises: Turn off utilities and lock doors.
4. Need Assistance? Call Rice County Emergency Management at (507) 332-6000.
5. Group Evacuation Recommended: Stay with coworkers or family.

4. First Aid and Medical Assistance and Mental Health Crisis Support

First Aid Procedures:

- Basic First Aid Kit: Keep a well-stocked first aid kit at home, work, and in your vehicle. Include supplies like bandages, antiseptics, gloves, scissors, burn cream, pain relievers, etc.

Local Medical Assistance:

- Allina Health Faribault Medical Center
 - Phone: (507) 334-6451
 - Address: 200 State Ave, Faribault, MN 55021
 - Services: Emergency room, general medicine, inpatient and outpatient care.
- Northfield Hospital & Clinics
 - Phone: (507) 646-1000
 - Address: 2000 North Ave, Northfield, MN 55057
 - Services: Emergency care, surgery, behavioral health.

In Case of Injury or Medical Emergency:

1. Call 911 for immediate medical emergencies.
2. Provide First Aid if you are trained, including CPR, wound care, or stabilizing injuries until medical help arrives.
3. Transport to Hospital: If safe to do so, transport injured individuals to the nearest medical facility. Otherwise, wait for emergency responders.

Mental Health Crisis Services:

- Rice County Mental Health Crisis Line: (844) 274-7472 (Available 24/7)
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: Dial 988 (Available 24/7)
- Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741 (Available 24/7)

5. How to Report an Incident

General Reporting Procedures:

1. Immediate Emergency Situations: Dial 911 for life-threatening emergencies, such as fire, medical emergencies, criminal activity, or accidents.
 - Provide clear details including your location, nature of the emergency, and any potential hazards.
2. Report Non-Emergency Incidents:
 - Notify your Project Manager or Supervisor at the office first. They will provide directions on any further reporting measures. As best as you are able stick to the facts with what you relay to them.
 - If Health or Safety related Notify Amy Robertson (HR) or if you are unable to reach them your Compliance Coordinator.
3. Local Non-Emergency Contacts:

- Rice County Sheriff's Office: (507) 332-6000
 - Faribault Police Department: (507) 334-4305
4. Public Health or Environmental Concerns:
- Rice County Public Health: (507) 332-6111
 - Minnesota DNR: (651) 296-6157
5. Utility Emergencies:
- Xcel Energy: 1-800-895-1999 (Electric/Gas)
 - Faribault Public Utilities: (507) 334-0601