



## Students with Disabilities: Emergency Procedures

HSU typically has a small number of students with physical disabilities on campus; the following is a short guide on what a professor should do in the event of a student emergency.

1. It will be most helpful to have some idea of what **specific issues** a student may have, such as seizures or blackouts, so that a plan may be agreed upon before an emergency presents itself. Even in the case of a minor emergency, such as equipment failure, having an idea of what the individual considers to be the best option for mobility can simplify the process while limiting possible discomfort/embarrassment.
2. It's also helpful to be aware of the challenges specific to your building. For example, some elevators on campus are more reliable than others, so if you happen to hear that the elevator in your building has been malfunctioning, it may be worthwhile to try to move the class to a 1<sup>st</sup> floor classroom.
3. In the case of physical injury, follow the school's emergency guide, which is to call the school nurse at 670-1314, or 911. In the event of a seizure, attempt to remove any furniture or other objects away from the student, carefully turn them on their side, and call the school nurse. If the seizure lasts longer than 5 minutes, call 911.