

Eastern Michigan University

Emergency Classification Level Descriptions

An Emergency Classification is a description of conditions which indicate a level of risk to the university. Eastern Michigan University will employ three Emergency Classification Levels (ECLs) to assist in classifying the severity and level of response to an incident. The ECLs are:

Level 1 (Minor Incident)

A Level 1 incident is any incident, potential or actual, that will not seriously affect the overall functional capacity of the University. These would be campus emergencies that can be resolved with existing EMU resources or limited outside help. EOC activation is not required.

Examples:

- Severe Weather Advisory
- Small contained fire
- Chemical spill confined to a single area
- Assault without further incident
- Short term power outage
- Interior building flood contained to limited number of rooms
- An orderly demonstration or protest

Level 2 (Emergency/Partial Activation): A Level 2 incident is any incident, potential or actual, that affects an entire building or buildings, and which may disrupt the overall operations of the University. These would be campus emergencies that require a coordinated response beyond normal operating channels. Outside emergency services will probably be required, as well as major efforts from campus support services. Examples:

- Major severe weather event which curtails a significant number of University classes and activities for extended periods of time
- Heat plant failure
- Long term power outage with known remediation steps
- Fire affecting a large building or several buildings
- Limited contagious disease outbreak, i.e. meningitis outbreak in dorms
- Bomb threat in specific building
- Bias-related crimes
- Significant reputation risk to EMU

Level 3 (Disaster/Full Activation): A Level 3 incident is any event or incident that has the potential or does seriously impair or halt university operations. In some cases, death of personnel and severe property damage may be sustained. Such major campus disasters require a coordinated response by all campus resources and outside emergency services would be essential.

Examples:

- Extended power outage without remediation plan
- Large fire involving personal injury
- Structural collapse involving personal injury
- Multiple fatality incidents
- Significant contagious disease outbreak, i.e. Pandemic Influenza
- Civil arrest in the surrounding community
- "Active shooter" incident
- Other serious acts of violence