

## **EXPLOSION**

### **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO**

1. Get under a sturdy table or desk if objects are falling around you. When they stop falling, leave quickly, watching for obviously weakened floors and stairways. As you exit from the building, be especially watchful of falling debris.
2. Leave the building as quickly as possible. Do not stop to retrieve personal possessions or make phone calls. Do not use elevators.
3. Find a way to receive emergency communications from the College's Administration or other jurisdictional agency. Follow any instructions given by administrators or on scene emergency responders.
4. Once you are out:
  - Do not stand in front of windows, glass doors, or other potentially hazardous areas.
  - Move away from sidewalks or streets to be used by emergency officials or others still exiting the building.
5. If you are trapped in debris:
  - If possible, use a flashlight to signal your location to rescuers.
  - Avoid unnecessary movement so you do not kick up dust.
  - Cover your nose and mouth with anything you have on hand. Dense-weave cotton material can act as a good filter. Try to breathe through the material.
  - Tap on a pipe or wall so rescuers can hear where you are. If possible, use a whistle to signal rescuers.
  - Shout only as a last resort. Shouting can cause a person to inhale dangerous amounts of dust.
6. Consider the possibility that the explosion was not an accident, be aware of your surroundings and note any suspicious behavior. (See terrorism below for more information.)

### **WHAT WILL HAPPEN**

1. First responders will provide updated information as it becomes available.
2. Rescuers will work to treat the injured and extricate survivors.
3. You may be required to provide witness statements or other information to aid in determining the cause of the explosion.