



The Ohio State University Levels of Emergencies

Normal / Level I

Business as usual.

During Normal conditions, minor, localized department or building incidents may occur. These incidents are quickly resolved with existing University resources or limited outside help.

A Level 1 emergency has little or no impact on personnel or normal operations outside the locally affected area.

Level 1 incidents generally affect a small number of people and do not require activation of the University's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Impacted personnel or departments coordinate directly with Public Safety units to resolve Level 1 conditions.

Examples may include odor complaints, localized chemical spill, small fire, localized power failure, plumbing failure or water leak, normal fire, EMS and police calls.

Level II

A major incident or potential threat that disrupts sizable portions of the campus community. Level 2 emergencies may require assistance from external organizations. These events may escalate quickly and have serious consequences for mission-critical functions, or may threaten life safety. Portions of the University may be inaccessible to faculty, staff and students.

Level 2 incidents generally affect a moderate number of people and may require partial or full activation of the University's Emergency Operations Center.

Examples may include structure fires, structural collapse, significant hazardous materials release, extensive power or utility outage, severe flooding, multi-fatality incident, or an existing or imminent external emergency that may affect University personnel or operations.

Level III

An event has taken place on or around The Ohio State University which has severely interrupted the daily operations and significantly affects campus operations. A multi-agency, coordinated response effort is taking place to prioritize and re-establish essential University functions. The effects of the emergency are wide-ranging and complex. A timely resolution of emergency conditions requires University-wide cooperation and extensive coordination with external jurisdictions. A large portion of the University may not be accessible to faculty, staff and students.

All faculty and staff are asked to contact their immediate supervisor before reporting to work.

Level 3 incidents generally affect a large percentage of the campus community and usually requires partial or full activation of the University's Emergency Operations Center. (EOC)

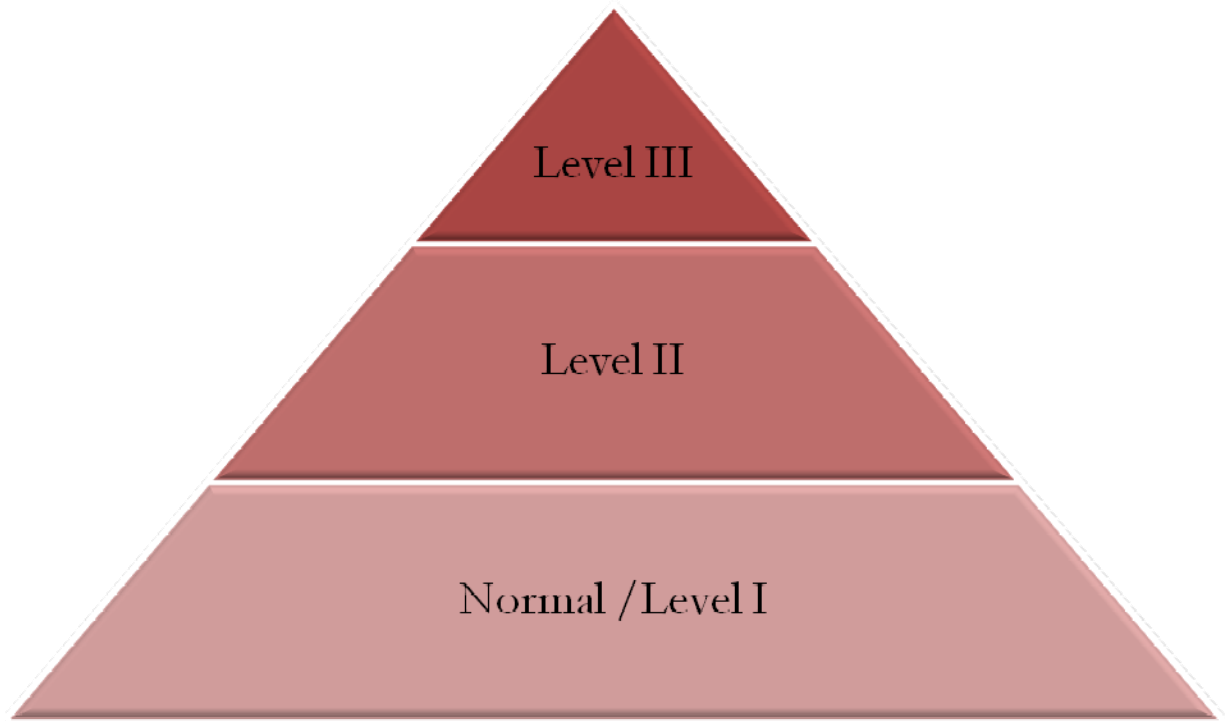


Figure 1: University Emergency Levels Pyramid