

WELCOME

As our guest, we appreciate your observance of our safety and security policies while visiting our campus. If you have any questions regarding this guidance or about your safety and security, please speak with your NIST sponsor. Visitors who do not adhere to our safety and security practices may lose access privileges

Security



- All visitors must wear visitor ID badges issued by the NIST Visitor Center or the Conference Program. Prominently display your badge at all times while on campus.
- Visitors who are issued either Visitor Parking Permits at the Visitor Center or Dash Passes by the Conference Program must hang the parking permit on the vehicle's rearview mirror or place it on the vehicle's dashboard and proceed directly to their destinations.
- While on campus, visitors must always stay in designated public areas, or with their NIST sponsors or designated NIST escorts.
 - Visitor badges do not enable visitors to enter access-controlled areas.
 - Do not follow someone with a badge into an access-controlled area unless the individual is your NIST sponsor or designated NIST escort.
- Cameras and recording devices are prohibited in some NIST locations; request permission from your NIST sponsor before taking pictures or recordings.
- Firearms, knives in excess of 2.5 inches, and explosives are prohibited on premises.

Safety



- If driving, follow posted speed limits and yield to pedestrians. The NIST Police enforce traffic laws on the NIST site.
- When walking, stay on designated walkways; hold handrails on stairwells; use caution when walking in dimly lit areas like auditoriums; keep your eyes on the path; be mindful of slipping and tripping hazards indoors and out; and use designated crosswalks to cross roads. Please also be alert for approaching vehicles.
- Access to areas marked with hazard signage is limited to authorized personnel. Visitors must be escorted at all times by their NIST sponsors in these areas.
- When visiting NIST laboratories, your NIST sponsor is responsible for ensuring you are not exposed to hazards in the laboratories and will provide you with any protective equipment required for entry.
- Do not touch or handle anything in NIST laboratories unless authorized.

Fire



- If the fire alarm sounds, leave the building using the nearest safe exit. Do not use elevators. Once outside, head directly to the closest assembly point marked with a yellow "Evacuation Meeting Area" sign in the building parking lot. Await further instruction.
- If you discover a fire, activate the nearest fire alarm and evacuate the building using the nearest safe exit. Do not use elevators. Once outside, head directly to the closest assembly point marked with a yellow "Evacuation Meeting Area" sign in the building parking lot. Communicate the nature of the emergency to emergency responders when they arrive.

Severe Weather



If the severe weather alert sounds, head directly to the building's basement or lowest floor using the closest stairwell, and then move to the middle of the building away from outside doors and windows.

Look for a "Severe Weather - Shelter in Place" sign. Wait in that location for further instruction.

Medical Emergencies



If someone needs medical attention, dial 301-975-2222 on your mobile phone or 2222 on an internal NIST phone. Identify yourself to the dispatcher and describe the location and nature of the emergency. Follow the dispatcher's instructions.

Security Emergencies



(Active Shooter, Violent Person, Suspicious Activity)

Dial 301-975-2222 on your mobile phone or 2222 on an internal NIST phone to report the activity. Identify yourself to the dispatcher and describe your location and the nature of the emergency.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency Response: 2222
Local Direct Dial 301-975-2222
(Fire, Medical, and Other Emergencies)
Visitor Center & Registration 8986
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Areas accessible to visitors.
For all other areas of the campus,
visitors must be escorted by NIST
sponsor or designated NIST escort.

*Please familiarize yourself with your location.
In the event of an evacuation, remain with your
NIST sponsor or designated NIST escort to be
directed to the proper assembly point.*