

**WAC 516-26-085 Release of information in emergencies.** (1) The vice president for student affairs or his designee may, without the consent of a student, release the student's education records or personally identifiable information contained therein to appropriate parties in connection with an emergency if the knowledge of such information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons.

(2) The university police, during instances of emergency pertaining to individual students, may have access to those student's education records or personally identifiable information.

(3) The following factors should be taken into consideration in determining whether records may be released under this section:

(a) The seriousness of the threat to the health or safety of the student or other persons;

(b) The need for personally identifiable information concerning the student to meet the emergency;

(c) Whether the parties to whom the records or information are released are in a position to deal with the emergency; and

(d) The extent to which time is of the essence in dealing with the emergency.

(4) If the university, pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, releases personally identifiable information concerning a student without the student's consent, the university shall notify the student as soon as possible of the identity of the parties and to whom the records or information have been released and of the reasons for the release.

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