

PantherAlert Messages

Students

Welcome back! Georgia State is working hard to ensure you get the most out of your educational experience. This includes making sure that you are safe and aware of any events on campus. In the summer of 2008, Emergency Management, a part of the Georgia State Police Department, launched PantherAlert. The PantherAlert system is set up to call you and send an e-mail to your GSU email account in the event of trouble on campus. The system will call your **Reach Me in Emergency** number that you completed as part of the registration process. New for this fall, the system is now capable of sending you a text message to your cell phone.

You can update your emergency contact information at any time in PAWS. Log in at <https://paws.gsu.edu> with your campus ID and password. Go to the One Stop Shop tab, then to the Personal Information block in the lower right-hand corner. Follow these instructions to update your information:

- To update the number that the system will call you in the event of an emergency, click on **Change Emergency Contact Information**. Click on your name (identified as Reach Me in Emergency), update the necessary information, then click Submit Changes.
- To add or update a number that the system will send a text message to, click on **Text Me In Emergency**. Click on **New SMS Phone Number** and enter your Area Code and Phone Number. *Note that you will be responsible for any text messaging charges applied by your cell phone provider.* If you agree, click Submit Changes.

Faculty / Staff

As Fall Semester starts and students again populate the campus, Emergency Management is working to make sure that everyone is safe on and around campus. Last Summer Emergency Management launched PantherAlert, a system that can contact you via your campus phone number and e-mail address in the event of an emergency on campus.

Recently Emergency Management, with the assistance of Information Systems and Technology, has introduced several new enhancements to the PantherAlert system. This latest enhancement has introduced a self service page for faculty and staff located at <https://webdb.gsu.edu/pantheralert>. This new page will allow for the user to put in a mobile number that will also be called along with your campus number in the event of an emergency. This cell phone number will be used for the PantherAlert system only and will not populate any HR or administrative systems. The option is also available that you can elect to receive a text message on your cell phone (normal text charges may be assessed by your cellular provider). Any changes to your campus phone number will need to go through the IS&T Help Center (404-413-4357). You can contact the help center and request that your campus number be changed and verify that your number has been corrected via the Campus Directory.

Two additional options are also available on the new enhanced site. The first includes an option for you to select up to three buildings on campus that you can be notified about in the event of a localized event or outage. These building messages will be used in order to notify the building occupants of system outages (i.e. power, network, phones, etc.) as well as any threats to building occupants (i.e. chemical spills). The second option is the ability to document if you need any special assistance in the event of a building evacuation. This will help the police department and first responders know where they should check in the event of an emergency.