Bomb Threat

All bomb threats must be treated as a serious matter. To ensure the safety of the faculty, staff, students, and the general public, bomb threats must be considered real until proven otherwise. In most cases, bomb threats are meant to disrupt normal activities; however, building evacuation is not a decision to be made by anyone but the proper authorities. The procedures described below should be implemented regardless of whether the bomb threat appears real or not.

If a suspicious object or potential bomb is discovered, do not handle the object. Clear the area and call 911. Be sure to include the location and appearance of the object when reporting.

If a phone call bomb threat is received, ask the caller the following questions and record the answers:

- When is the bomb going to explode?
- Where is the bomb located?
- What kind of bomb is it?
- What does it look like?
- Why did you place the bomb?

Talk to the caller as long as possible and try to determine and record the following information:

- Time of call.
- Age and sex of the caller.
- Speech pattern, accent, possible nationality, etc.
- Emotional state of the caller.
- Background noise.

If an evacuation alarm sounds, follow established building evacuation procedures.