



NLSC Emergency Tips

Your Cellphone is Your Lifeline

- Have emergency contacts listed in your cellphone
- Keep your cellphone on and charged at all times
- Bring a charger with you during the day
- Set up group texting for your school/state group
- Download the 2017 SkillsUSA Conference App
- Set up your cellphone for Louisville weather alerts

At the Hotel and Convention Center

- Get familiar with hotel and convention center
- Keep the printed Official Program with you
- Know your daily schedule and allow enough travel time to get to/from hotel to convention center
- Report suspicious activity
- Have a buddy system and use it
- Keep your belongings secure at all times
- Keep what you carry each day to a minimum
- Wear comfortable shoes; you will walk a lot!

Safety, First Aid and Emergency

- In a medical emergency, call 911 FIRST
- Perform CPR or first aid until help arrives, if trained
- Make note of who in your delegation is a nurse, fireman or EMT or has completed first aid training
- For minor issues such as cuts or blisters, there are first aid rooms at convention center (see Program)
- Note the nearest hospital to your hotel

If a Critical Incident Takes Place

- Call 911 FIRST in any safety or medical emergency
- Contact your state director or SkillsUSA national staff
- State directors handle Code of Conduct or state matters but can consult with national staff members for advice

Intruders at the Hotel or the Convention Center

- Report any suspicious individuals to the staff
- In an incident, get down, hide and be quiet, silence phone
- Wait for an all-clear from officials before leaving
- Avoid using elevators in an emergency (take the stairs)
- If a situation is taking place inside the hotel or convention center but you can safely leave, get to safety

Weather Emergencies

- First and foremost, students and teachers should stay safe
- During extreme weather, do not go outside
- Watch the SkillsUSA Conference App for major alerts
- Be aware of daily local weather
- Plan your schedule to avoid traveling during storms

When to Alert National Staff/Conference Manager

- Alert national staff regarding serious injuries, hospitalized students, or students who must leave the conference
- Alert national staff of ongoing transportation or hotel issues
- Alert staff if your whole state delegation must miss an event