

Chapter 26 Lighting

A. References

1. [WAC 296-800-21005](#) Provide and Maintain Adequate Lighting
2. [WAC 296-800-31053](#) Provide Adequate Lighting for Exit Routes and Signs
3. Emergency Blue Light Phones
<https://police.wsu.edu/emergency-blue-light-phones/>
4. Tips for Staying Safe
<https://police.wsu.edu/safety-tips/>
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B. Purpose. This chapter will cover the various safety tips related to workplace lighting, egress lighting, and lighting in public spaces, and how to best utilize this lighting to stay safe. The chapter will address both the Emergency Blue Light Phones installed around campus, with the addition of a map of where these Blue Light Phones are located on campus, as well as tips for how normal lighting can help maintain safety as well.

C. Scope. This chapter is applicable to all CAHNRS employees, with the Emergency Blue Light Phones being most applicable to those who work on the Pullman campus.

D. Responsibilities.

Supervisors shall ensure:

- Employees have adequate lighting for the tasks to which they are assigned. To evaluate workplace lighting, contact WSU Environmental Health and Safety at 509-335-3041.
- Exit routes and exit signs, where required are adequately and reliably lit. When concerns arise over exit lighting, contact your local Facilities support services. In Pullman, submit a work request through [myFacilities](#).

Employees shall:

- Contact their supervisor when task lighting is inadequate or results in eyestrain.
- Contact their supervisor when concerns arise over exit route lighting.

E. Security Lighting Considerations

Emergency Blue Light Phones

- An Emergency Blue Light Phone is a post with a bright, blue light that is on at all times to ensure that they are easily located at all times. The post reads EMERGENCY down the side.
- To use, there a red button on the side that one needs to press and emergency services will be notified; no dialing necessary, then one can describe the emergency situation to the call operator.
- By pressing the emergency phone button, the caller will be connected to Whitcom 911 Communications Center.
- Each call is responded to by a police officer.
- Note the location of Emergency Blue Light Phones around campus, as one might not ever need to use one, but they are there for emergencies.

Tips for Staying Safe

- Most crime is committed as a result of opportunity, so the best prevention is to eliminate opportunities.
- Keep your residence doors, including dorm rooms, locked at all times.

- Limit or restrict access to your living area.
- Lock up wallets, purses, jewelry, cameras, and other valuables.
- Report suspicious persons or activities when you see them.
- Report safety hazards, unsafe lighting, and defective equipment.
- Avoid walking alone at night. Let people know where you are going.
- Plan you walk by choosing a safe, well lighted, and populated route.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Know where you are and where you are going. Know what to expect.
- Get to know your roommates and neighbors. Encourage checking on each other often.