

# Utilities Outage

Utility outages do not necessarily represent an emergency that threatens life, but they can cause work disruptions, expensive damage, and safety concerns, and they can escalate to full-blown emergencies.

## Examples of Utility Outages:

- Electric
- Water
- Telephone
- Steam or Gas
- Electric or Chilled Water

## Safety Issues

Look and report any safety issues caused by — or likely to result from — the outage or continuing operations under current conditions. Some examples are:

### Power Outage

If applicable, look for safety equipment dependent on power and cease operations if necessary. For instance:

- Fume hoods in labs
- Dust evacuation systems
- Inadequate lighting
- Alarm activation
- Elevator failure
  - # Passengers should use the emergency phone/intercom in the elevator. If necessary, call Lee College Security at 281.425.6888.
  - # Do not attempt to rescue passengers stuck in the elevator.
  - # Establish and maintain communications with passengers.

### Plumbing

- Stop using all electrical equipment
- Look for slip hazards

### Gas Leak

- Cease all operations
- Do not use light switches
- Evacuate as soon as possible

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