

TO: The University of Alaska Community
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Just yesterday, another American college campus was disrupted by a bomb threat. Colleges and universities across the country have seen far too many of these threats in recent weeks and months, and that's why I'm writing to you today.

For your sake and the sake of others, please do not take it upon yourself to interpret whether a bomb threat at one of our campuses is real or a hoax. Report them to campus or local law enforcement in ALL cases.

Should you receive a threat via:

Phone:

- Remain calm and take the caller seriously.
- Note the caller ID, if possible.
- Listen carefully. Don't interrupt the caller or hang up.
- If possible, write a note to a co-worker or fellow student, and ask them to call 911 while you have the caller on the line.

Email:

- Print a copy for local law enforcement.
- Save the message (do not delete) on your computer.

Mail:

- Be aware of suspicious packages with no return address; excessive postage; stains; a strange odor or sound; wires protruding; or anything that looks odd or unexpected.
- Stop additional handling of the letter or parcel.
- Secure the room or area if possible, allowing entry to emergency responders only.
- Advise campus personnel not to use two-way radios or cell phones in the area if possible.

Our ability to provide for our collective safety and security is directly related to awareness. Let's continue working together to keep our students, faculty and staff safe, secure and prepared.