


POLICY: ACCESS TO ROOFS CONTAINING WEATHER WARNING SIREN SYSTEMS – ALUMNI HALL & SOCIAL SCIENCE CENTRE			NUMBER: S-47
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Weather Warning Siren Systems have been installed on the upper roof of Alumni Hall (AH) and on the 5th floor roof of Social Science Centre (SSC). The activation of the sirens will be initiated by Western Special Constable Service (WSCS) to notify the Campus Community of approaching severe weather. The sirens will be tested on the first Wednesday of every month and activated at 12:00 noon.

Due to the potential for extremely high noise level from the sirens, hearing protection is mandatory for all visitors, staff, trades, or contractors who gain access to the AH and SSC roofs where the sirens are located.

Protocol:

1. Any person accessing AH or SSC rooftops must comply with UWO Roof Access Policy 1.36, Facilities Management “Fall Protection Procedure WP-44”, and if applicable, “Roof Maintenance Procedure S-4”.
2. All access to University rooftops must cease when a known weather disturbance, or a potential for severe weather is approaching, or may occur in the London region.
3. All individuals authorized to access the roofs must have hearing protection with them at all times to be used when needed; both earmuffs and ear plugs are acceptable means of hearing protection. Hearing Protection must have a minimum NRR (Noise Reduction Ratio) of 27decibels.
4. Hearing protection posters will be mounted on doors accessing roof tops where weather sirens are located.

Procedure for Notification of Siren Testing:

1. Posters will be mounted on doors accessing all roof tops indicating that the weather siren will be tested on the first Wednesday of every month at 12:00 noon.
2. Western Special Constable Services will initiate a Service Interruption request at least one week before the expected testing date.
3. Facilities Management Maintenance Planning Coordinators will create a Service Interruption and distribute it to FM Leadership one week before the scheduled alarm.
4. Facilities Management Maintenance Planning Coordinators will add the alarm to the Service Interruption calendar at the time that the Service Interruption is issued.
5. Facilities Management staff with Contractors requiring roof access will notify about the date and time of the alarm and advise that access to roofs surrounding and including AH & SSC is not permitted between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM.
6. Facilities Management Maintenance Planning Coordinators will provide a reminder of the alarm via a radio call to all FM Trades at 11:45 AM on the day of the alarm.