

WAC 504-26-409 Emergency suspension. (1) Definition. An emergency suspension is a temporary exclusion of a student from all or specified portions of university premises, programs, or activities pending an investigation or student conduct proceeding relating to alleged standards of conduct violations. An emergency suspension may be imposed at any time prior to the issuance of the university's final order in the matter.

(2) Circumstances warranting emergency suspension. Emergency suspension may be imposed only in situations when the vice president for student affairs or campus chancellor (in consultation with the center for community standards), or their designee, has cause to believe that the student:

(a) Has violated any provision of the standards of conduct; and

(b) Presents an immediate danger to the health, safety, or welfare of any part of the university community or the public at large. Conduct that creates an ongoing disruption of, or interference with, the operations of the university and that prevents other students, employees, or invitees from completing their duties or accessing their education or the educational environment, is conduct harmful to the welfare of members of the university community.

(3) Procedure. The vice president for student affairs or campus chancellor, or their designee, ordering an emergency suspension must send the student a written notice of emergency suspension. The notice must contain the reasons for the decision (both the factual basis and the conclusions as to why those facts constitute a violation of the standards of conduct), and the policy reasons for the emergency suspension. The emergency suspension does not replace the regular hearing process, which must proceed to a conduct officer hearing or conduct board hearing, as applicable, as quickly as feasible. Once a final order is entered, any emergency suspension is lifted and the sanction, if any, set forth in the final order is imposed.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.30.150. WSR 18-23-083, § 504-26-409, filed 11/19/18, effective 12/20/18.]