



North Shore – Barrington Association of REALTORS®

Response to Emergency Situations Policy

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Policy Statement

North Shore - Barrington Association of REALTORS® (NSBAR) is committed to maintaining emergency preparedness. To ensure the continuation of member services during small and large emergency situations, the following plan has been implemented. It provides staff with procedural guidelines and lists of personnel and their emergency contacts.

NSBAR Staff Emergency Contact List

This page is intentionally left blank for staff privacy. Staff has full access to the staff contact list.

Emergency Office Closing

If an office is required to close, the CEO or Operations Director will notify employees by text or phone call as soon as possible.

In case of a catastrophic emergency occurring while the Northbrook campus is occupied, or any event that requires the NSBAR building be evacuated, the staff members and any Board Members or guests in the building will meet at the front entrance of the 444 Skokie Boulevard building, north of Henrici Boulevard. Staff at the Workonomy site should follow the directions set for them at that location.

CHAPTER 1

Summary of Emergency Procedures

Unsafe Conditions

Employees have an obligation to report any unsafe conditions to their direct report, CEO, and/or Operations Director as soon as possible. All employees of the Association are expected to correct unsafe conditions as promptly as possible. NSBAR will not take reprisals against an employee who comes forth with a safety recommendation or refuses to operate any equipment or work in an area he/she reasonably feels is unsafe.

All accidents, especially those that result in injury, must be reported immediately to the CEO and Operations Director, regardless of how insignificant the injury may appear. Such reports are necessary to comply with federal and state laws and initiate insurance and workers' compensation procedures.

Medical/Accident/Environmental Emergency

- Dial **911** and ask for assistance. Be prepared to give the address and directions on exactly where the office is located.

Directions to the NSBAR office in Northbrook – from Skokie Boulevard, turn onto Henrici Drive, follow the road until the end. Make a right-hand turn, NSBAR is the last building on the left. #1200 enter from the front or rear of the building.

- Call Highland Park Hospital, Emergency Medical Services, **(847) 480-3751** or
- Good Shepherd Hospital, Medical Building Pharmacy, **(847) 381-1230**, 450 West Illinois Route 22, Barrington.

Be prepared to describe the problem, give the exact location, and your name. The emergency personnel may suggest things that you should do (perhaps to stem excessive bleeding). Follow their directions.

In the case of what appears to be a heart attack, a defibrillator is located in the hallway which connects the classroom and Boardroom, on the wall above the fire extinguisher. It may only be used by staff who have been trained on its use.

There is not defibrillator available in the Workonamy space.

Fire

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If there is any doubt about the ability to extinguish the fire, secure and leave the area. There are four (4) fire extinguishers in the Northbrook office. They are located in the main office hallway, in the hall between the classroom and conference room, in the kitchen, and in the server room. The fire extinguisher in the Workonomy space is located on the wall to the left of the main tenant entrance to the Workonomy space.

When a fire alarm occurs, turn off all electronics. Clear the building immediately. Assist non-staff members to leave the building in an orderly fashion.

Fire Safety Tips

- Always report a fire before attempting to extinguish it.
- Always keep your back to the escape route.
- Never attempt to extinguish a large fire.
- When using a fire extinguisher, remember the acronym PASS
 - Pull
 - Aim
 - Squeeze
 - Sweep
- Remember the rule to stop fire on your body – Stop, drop, and roll.

Workplace Violence

It is the policy of the Association to expressly prohibit any acts or threats of violence by any individual. Accordingly, the Association does not condone any acts or threats of violence against Association employees, members, or visitors on the Association premises, at any time or while engaged in business with or on behalf of the Association, on or off the Association premises.

In keeping with the spirit and intent of this policy, and to ensure that the Association objectives in this regard are attained, it is the commitment of the Association:

- To provide a safe and healthy environment.

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- To take prompt remedial action up to and including immediate termination, against any employee who engages in any threatening behavior or acts of violence or who uses any obscene, abusive, or threatening language or gestures.
- To take appropriate immediate action when dealing with members, current or former employees, or visitors to the Association facilities who engage in such behavior. Such action may include notifying the police or other law enforcement personnel and prosecuting violators of this policy to the maximum extent of the law.
- To prohibit members, employees, former employees, and visitors from bringing unauthorized firearms or other weapons into the Association building, in accordance with the Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act.
- To establish viable security measures to ensure that the Association facilities are safe and secure to the maximum extent possible and to properly handle access to the Association facilities by the public, off-duty employees, and former employees.

All employees are responsible for maintaining a workplace that is free from threatening behavior and violence. However, **employees should never place themselves in peril. If an employee sees or hears a commotion or disturbance near their work area, they should not try to intercede, and should take precautions to protect themselves.** They should, however, report any threat, instance of harassment, or violent act observed or experienced at work to the CEO and Operations Director. In addition, any employee who has a reason to believe that a violent act may be committed on the worksite or against an individual related to the business in any way must promptly report that belief or suspicion to the CEO and Operations Director. No employee who in good faith either makes a report or participates in an investigation under this policy will experience retaliation of any kind.

First Aid Kit

Northbrook – One (1) small kit is located in all five (5) bathroom vanities, one (1) in the Events Center in the cabinet under the “R” wall, and one (1) in the BOD room in the cabinet next to the closet. There is also one (1) large kit in the Business Center in the cabinet under the Keurig machine. In all locations, the kit is on the bottommost shelf or drawer.

Workonomy - Located in the white cabinet in the NSBAR office.

A basic first aid kit should contain:

- Bandages in different shapes and sizes
- Gauze pads in different sizes
- Antibiotic ointment
- Sticky tape
- Alcohol wipes
- Disposable sterile gloves
- Cold Compress

It is also useful to keep a basic first aid manual or instruction booklet with the kit. The contents and the location of the kit should be reviewed quarterly.

Flooding or Water Damage

If flooding or water damage is discovered, protect staff and members from falls and secure equipment if possible. If possible, locate the source of the leak and turn off water at the source.

Vandalism

Vandalism includes but is not limited to the following: damaging or defacing the building, furniture, or equipment; damaging or defacing books, such as tearing out pages, tearing out sections of pages, stealing.

Do not confront the vandal. Call **911**.

Power Failure

Turn off all the computers. Secure the area before leaving. Upon return wait for further instructions before turning computers on again. Call the alarm company at **630-844-6302** and MRED **630-955-0011**.

Bomb Threat

- If a suspicious object or package is found, call **911** immediately. Evacuate the building immediately. Staff should assist any members to evacuate as quickly as possible.
- Treat receiving a call reporting a bomb threat in the same manner.

CHAPTER 2

Summary of Evacuation, Weather Procedures, and Catastrophic Disasters

Go to the nearest door or if need be, break a window if the threat is internal, such as a fire or bomb threat.

Locations of the Exits

- Front/Main Door
- Rear Door (next to Tech Bar)
- 2 Board Room Doors
- Kitchen Door

Evacuation

- If it is necessary to evacuate the building, staff should assist any members in the building by guiding them to the nearest exit and moving them away from the building and out into the parking lot as quickly as possible. When all members have exited the building, staff should also exit as quickly as possible.

Tornado or Severe Storm

- Northbrook – Go into one of the five (5) bathrooms. If there are members in class or in a meeting, staff should assist to move them toward bathrooms, and if necessary internal hallways with all the doors closed to the offices. All members should remain there until the “all clear” is given by the Village.
- Workonomy – Gather in either the NSBAR office (Workonomy side of building) or in the Office Max bathrooms.
- If members elect to leave the building, they may do so at their own risk.

Catastrophic Disaster

- In the unfortunate case of a catastrophic event, i.e. a train derailment, a terrorist event, etc., staff should assist any members as quickly as possible without putting themselves in any further danger. Once emergency personnel arrive, follow their directions.

Meeting Place

- In Northbrook, once the building has been evacuated, move to the front entrance of the Charles Schwab Building along Henrici Drive.
- In Workonomy, once the building has been evacuated, gather by the Trader Joe’s cart corral in the parking lot.

CHAPTER 3 **Staff Mobilization**

Evacuation

A major disaster would necessitate the evacuation of all personnel. In such a situation, actual recovery procedures to salvage materials have to wait until the building is officially declared safe to enter. Although such a situation is impossible to predict, the brief outline of procedures listed below will be followed.

- The Web is hosted off site and should be available.
- The CEO, Jeff, is to be contacted at **224-595-1352 (cell)**.
- Information System: The first priority is to get the administrative computer system up and running. A daily back-up is always made; only the current day's work would be lost.
- Membership -- the administrative computer system must be up to retrieve records but the M1 system could be used to view current member list.
- SentiLock -- Call **513-618-5800**
- MRED -- Call **630-955-0011**
- Building Association Management -- Call Adam Stolberg/Advantage Management **312-447-0911 (24-hour emergency number)**

Professional Development Department

The Professional Development Department disaster plan relies on NSBAR maintaining backup copies of the company drive and data system records (Relevate 1 as of July 2026) on a remote system. Assuming these backups are in place, departments should have the necessary access credentials to retrieve the data.

Because records are updated daily, no data loss is anticipated-provided that remote backups are also performed on a daily basis.

Procedures for Emergency Classroom in Northbrook

1. Arrange for emergency classroom and direct students and instructor there if a class is scheduled; and/or
2. Work from home, accessing the website for class schedule information.
3. We will arrange space for upcoming events or reschedule them. All students will have to be notified of the change of location and/or date.

Recovery

After an emergency, no staff person should enter the building until all emergency personnel and the CEO determine that it is safe to do so. In the case of an emergency, staff should not linger in the building to save files, computers, or any other items. In an emergency, it is imperative that staff exit the building, when appropriate.

Recovery Procedures for Computer Equipment

Contact the IT Director, but if he cannot be reached, then contact the Senior Technical Support Coordinator, if neither is available, contact the CEO, and Operations Director to report the failure of individual office workstations or an emergency in an office area which jeopardizes computer equipment. In the event of a central system failure or any emergency (electrical, plumbing, etc.) which could cause the failure of a central system, contact the IT Director, but if he cannot be reached, then contact the Senior Technical Support Coordinator, contact the CEO and Operations Director. Please inform Windstar Technologies of any central system failure to make them aware of the issue.

CHAPTER 4

Cybersecurity Attacks

Personal data, such as emails, files in One Drive, and shared files in SharePoint, are stored in NSBAR's portion of the Microsoft cloud and are backed-up nightly into Datto's cloud. The data in Microsoft and Datto are encrypted to ensure no hacking occurs. NSBAR retains three years of backups.

NSBAR servers are hosted in Microsoft's cloud. Server data is encrypted and backed up through Microsoft's physical servers, again in Azure, and to a separate AWS data vault. In addition, NSBAR keeps multiple backups of its servers, including the membership database (**Relevate One as of July 2026**).

Airespring is NSBAR's primary internet provider for the office's main network and helps secure data entering and leaving that network. When NSBAR staff use Wi-Fi, they connect first to Datto's mesh network and then to Comcast's private network before accessing the internet.

All data entering or leaving devices on either network is actively scanned for malware. In the event of a cyberattack, the IT Director or Senior Technical Support Coordinator should also contact Windstar Tech.

Inventory of Shared Emergency Supplies

Supply	Quantity in Stock
Broom and Dustpan	1
Mop and Bucket	1
First Aid Kits	9
Garbage Container, large plastic	5
Garbage Bags	Varies
Markers, permanent	Varies
Note Paper, Pens	Varies
Packing Tape and Dispenser	Varies
Paper Towels, unprinted	Varies
Disposable Gloves	Varies

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