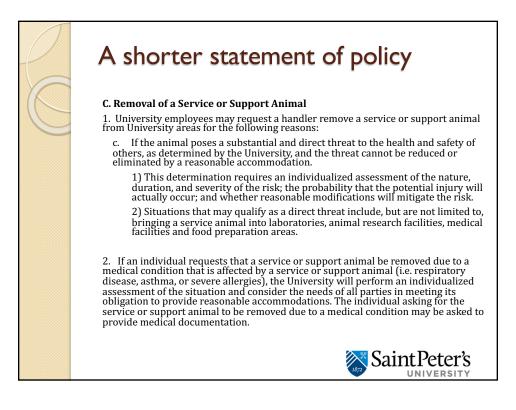


Also include emergency procedures for the entire campus, not just for laboratories.

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

In the event of an emergency, the Emergency Response Team (ERT) that responds should be trained to recognize service animals and be aware that the animal may be trying to communicate the need for help. The animal may become disoriented from the smell or smoke in a fire or laboratory emergency, from sirens or wind noise, or from shaking and moving ground. The partner and/or animal may be confused from the stressful situation. The ERT should be aware that the animal is trying to be protective and, in its confusion, is not to be considered harmful. The ERT should make every effort to keep the animal with its partner. However, the ERT's first effort should be toward the partner; this may necessitate leaving an animal behind in certain emergency evacuation situations.





Most important:

Assess the entire laboratory environment and the necessary accommodations with:

- the dog's partner
- the laboratory supervisor
- institutional representatives charged with the responsibility for meeting the needs of students (or faculty and staff) with disabilities



