

Wireless Emergency Notification System (WENS)

Houghton College recognizes that immediate notification is essential in protecting people in the event of a life threatening situation.

In an effort to enhance our capability to immediately notify all constituents in the event of an emergency, Houghton College has contracted with Inspiron Logistics to provide a Wireless Emergency Notification System (WENS). Students are automatically enrolled in this system with the cell phone number they provide at registration.

All faculty and Staff are encouraged to sign up for this free service so they will be notified via text message on up to two cell phones and up to two email addresses they provide. Based on test results and real world scenarios at other institutions that also use WENS, a message will reach over 90% of participants within 3 minutes of being transmitted.

Following are the authorization levels for Houghton College WENS service:

- Administrators:
 - The following college personnel will be WENS administrators:
 - President
 - Dean of Students
 - Director of Safety and Security
 - Senior Safety and Security Officer
 - Marketing and Communications
 - Director of Technology Services
 - Administrators are authorized to modify messages, delete and add users, change user status, request changes to the site through Inspiron Logistics, change passwords.

There are a number of messages that are pre-written and stored on the WENS system to be quickly adapted and sent in the event of an emergency. These are listed below.