Our nation’s institutions of higher education (IHEs) are entrusted to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students, faculty, and staff. Faced with emergencies ranging from active shooter situations to fires, tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, and pandemic influenza, this is no easy task. Many of these emergencies occur with little to no warning. It is critical for all IHEs—state and private, large and small, rural and urban—to plan ahead to help ensure the safety and general welfare of all members of their campus community.

What is the REMS TA Center?
The U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Safe and Healthy Students (OSHS) administers the REMS TA Center to serve as a hub of information and services. We support IHEs and their community partners in the development of high-quality emergency operations plans (EOPs) and the implementation of comprehensive emergency management planning efforts.

Who do we serve?
- State, Private, and Community Colleges and Universities
- Local and State Educational Agencies
- Community Partners
- Current or Former Grantees
- Key Stakeholders in Higher ed Emergency Management
- Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services Personnel
EOP Interactive Tools
We offer interactive tools to support individuals and planning teams in assessing their knowledge of concepts fundamental to emergency management. IHEs can use these tools to create new plans as well as to revise or update existing plans and help align their emergency planning practices with those at the national, state, and local levels. Learn more about our tools at https://rems.ed.gov/EOPinteractivetools.aspx.

Community of Practice
Our virtual space is open to IHEs and their community partners to collaborate on special projects, share news and resources, discuss trends and ideas, and learn from the experiences of others in the field. Join the Community of Practice at https://rems.ed.gov/COP/Default.aspx.

On-site Trainings by Request (TBRs)
We offer 4-hour train-the-educator and 8-hour train-the-trainer TBRs at no cost to your institution on developing high-quality EOPs for IHEs. Visit https://rems.ed.gov/TA_TrainingsbyRequest.aspx to view additional information, check your eligibility, and to request a training.

Virtual Trainings
We offer a diverse set of trainings, including downloadable Webinars and self-paced online courses, to practitioners in the field of IHE emergency management. Topics include, but aren’t limited to, Developing EOPs 101, Campus Public Safety and Incorporating International Students Into Emergency Management and Planning, and Preparing for Active Shooter Situations. View our virtual trainings at https://rems.ed.gov/TA_VirtualTrainings.aspx.

Tool Box
We maintain an interactive and virtual library of tools developed by emergency managers in the field and containing relevant resources pertinent to the needs of local education agencies, IHEs, and their community partners as they engage in the process of emergency preparedness planning. Access resources and submit your tool at https://rems.ed.gov/ToolBox.aspx.

Technical Assistance
REMS TA Center staff are available by email (info@remstacenter.org) and toll free telephone (855-781-REMS [7367]) to respond to requests for assistance on a variety of topics pertaining to emergency operations planning for IHEs. Submit your TA request using our interactive TA Request Form: https://rems.ed.gov/TA_Submissions/TASubmissionForm.aspx.

To access the Federal guidance on developing a high-quality EOP for IHEs, visit https://rems.ed.gov/IHEGuideIntro.aspx.