Evacuation Assistance
Locations and Areas of Refuge
A location in a building designed to hold occupants during a fire or other emergency, when evacuation may not be safe or possible until first responders can rescue them. In most of Western’s buildings, this is the stairwell.
Areas of Refuge

A location with two-way communication in a building designed to hold occupants during a fire or other emergency, when evacuation may not be safe or possible until first responders can rescue them.
The required two-way communication may be in the stairwell or hallway and connects to University Police Dispatch. The Area of Refuge is in the area of the two-way communication device. There are only a few buildings at Western that have these areas; Academic Instruction Center-East Wing, Biology, Communications Facility, and Miller Hall.