

# **POWER FAILURE**

Power failures may occur either as a result of a failure of TRU equipment, or as a result of a failure of BC Hydro equipment. Unless the weather is extremely severe, the failure of electrical power is more of an inconvenience than an emergency.

The TRU campus is equipped with emergency generators which will maintain power to designated areas of the campus for an extended period of time. Some of the emergency lighting units situated throughout the campus are of a battery pack design and will last for up to two (2) hours without recharge.

During this time period, efforts will be made by both the Facilities Services Department and the Health and Safety Department to determine the cause of the outage and the expected duration. If the duration of power outage is to be lengthy, the Executive will be informed and they will make the determination whether or not to suspend operations until the power supply is returned.

In the event that there is a risk of injury to any person on campus due to the absence of electrical power, the Safety Officer or Manager of Health & Safety, may issue instructions to suspend operations in those areas.

Any chemistry, radiation, biological or other scientific experiment which is underway at the time of the power failure will be terminated in the most expedient manner without endangering the persons involved. Where the power failure has resulted in contamination or injury to a person, the appropriate response mechanism will be initiated.

Power failures do not render the telephone system inoperative, as it is equipped with a battery back-up system. Certain display type telephones may not function as they normally would without electrical power (i.e displays and/or ringers may not function).