

People Locator System: Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I find the People Locator? It's reachable from your web browser at peoplelocator.berkeley.edu or through the campus emergency home page at emergency.berkeley.edu.

How do I log in? If you are a student, staff or faculty member, log in using your CalNet ID and passphrase to authenticate your identity. If you're a parent or friend of a Cal affiliate and don't have a CalNet ID, fill in your full name in the "Login without using CalNet" box; this name will be listed with any message you post for others on the People Locator.

What if I can't remember my CalNet login? You'll need to get your CalNet passphrase reset; see calnet.berkeley.edu for details.

How do I update my status through the People Locator? When you log in as an authenticated user, select "Report your status" from the left toolbar, then fill in the status fields and/or leave a detailed message in the comments box (maximum of 255 characters)

How do I look up someone else's status? Select "Locate a person" from the left toolbar and fill in the person's last name, first name and population group (student or faculty/staff). The tool will return matches from which you can select. If there are too many matches, try to refine your search. If you know the person's e-mail address, you may search by e-mail address instead of name, by entering the full address (i.e. oskibear@berkeley.edu) in the bottom field.

How do I leave a message for someone? To leave a message, first use the "Locate a person" feature, then click "Leave a message for/about [person]" at the bottom of the page. Message limit is 255 characters.

Who can see these messages? Anyone can see messages posted on the People Locator. For complete information about the tool's privacy policy, see: <https://peoplelocator.berkeley.edu/default.asp?todo=Privacypolicy>.

How can I delete messages in my account? After you log in via CalNet, click "Display your status" on the left toolbar. At the bottom of the resulting page, click "Delete all my messages". This will clear everything posted to your account, and leave a message about the date and time that you cleared the entries.

Will this system work if the power goes out? The People Locator system is hosted at the UCLA campus, and should continue to function even if power goes out on the Berkeley campus. The UCLA data center is supported by emergency generators and uninterruptible power supplies, so it should be resilient. Posting information may prove challenging when local electric power or web connectivity are interrupted, but laptops, WiFi, satellite uplinks and modem connections each offer alternate paths to connect to the Internet. You can also ask someone else to update your status on your behalf, although this will be treated as an unauthenticated report until you update it yourself. Remember: never give out your CalNet ID or passphrase to anyone!