



# Mass Notification Operator Guide

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# Overview of User Roles

User roles are assigned access to specific parts of Everbridge Suite based on what you, as a specific user, need to do. This guide explains the tasks that you can perform in Everbridge Suite as the role listed below.

## Mass Notification Operator

A **Mass Notification Operator** sends predefined Notification templates and can manage active Notifications. Mass Notification Operators can access the **Notifications** tab.

# System Overview

Everbridge Suite allows users to send messages to people through a variety of methods:

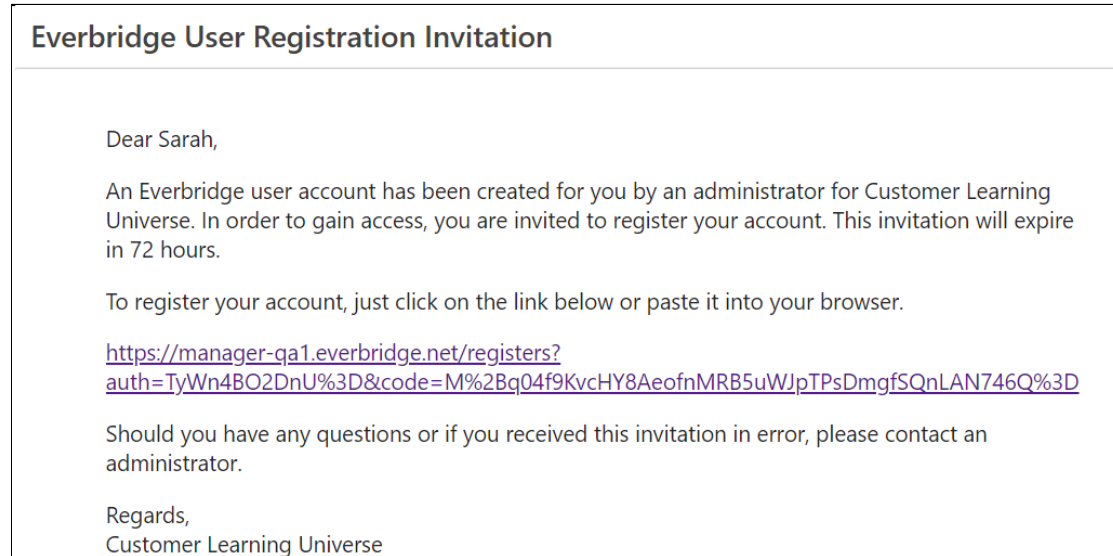
- Individually
- Groups (static)
- Rules (dynamic)
- Map (location of contacts)
  - Home and work (static)
  - Expected (travel)
  - Last known (badging)

Following your Organization's communications plan, everyone can be informed before, during, and after events, whether the events are emergency or non-emergency.

In Everbridge Suite, the Everbridge account is the top level of all implementations. Each account has at least one Organization, and each Organization can have multiple groups. Each Organization has its own contacts, who receive Notifications.

## Registering Your Access to the Manager Portal

To be a user in Everbridge, you need to register a profile. When invited, you receive an email like this:



Before the invitation expires, click the link to get to the registration page and create your profile.

**Username:** Give yourself a username. You will use this username to log in to the Everbridge Manager Portal.

- Usernames are case-insensitive and must be a minimum of four acceptable characters and a maximum of 80 characters.
- Acceptable characters are:
  - Uppercase letters (A-Z).
  - Lowercase letter (a-z).
  - Numerals (0-9).
  - Period (.).
  - Dash (-).
  - Underscore (\_).
  - At symbol (@).

**Password:** Select your password. It must be at least eight characters. It must contain at least one item from three of the following four groups:

- Uppercase letters (A-Z)
- Lowercase letter (a-z)
- Numerals (0-9)
- Special characters: ! @ # \$ % ^ & \* ( )

**Confirm Password:** Re-enter your password to confirm what you entered.

**Secret Question:** From the **Question** drop-down list, select a security question that only you will know. If the system needs to confirm your identity, it asks this question.

**Answer:** In this field, type the answer to the question. Optionally, select the checkbox: **Show answer**.

**Time Zone:** From this drop-down list, select your time zone.

Click **Continue**.

**Log in to Everbridge Suite:** Go to the Everbridge login page: <http://manager.everbridge.net> or <http://manager.everbridge.eu>.

Enter the **Username** and **Password** you just created.

**NOTE:** If you become locked out of your account after three or five failed login attempts, either contact your Administrator or choose to unlock the account yourself.

Click **SIGN IN**. After you are signed in, you can manage your user profile. See [Managing Your User Profile](#).

## Managing Your User Profile

After successfully logging in, you will see an Everbridge Suite page. You have access rights to the navigation tabs depending on your permissions.

When a tab has a down arrow (v), it has subtabs. You can select the subtab from the main tab or you can select the main tab, then select from the subtabs that are displayed.

Review the following information about each navigation tab:

Tab	Description
Dashboard	The <b>Dashboard</b> displays customizable panels of information about the activities in your Everbridge Suite Organization.
Universe	The <b>Universe</b> tab allows you to select contacts for a Notification in a geographic area.
Notifications	The <b>Notifications</b> tab begins with displaying the status of Notifications in the Active/History sub-tab. Other sub-tabs include Schedules, Templates, and Message Templates. You can also add a new Notification from this tab.
ITA	The <b>ITA</b> tab is for IT Alerting. See the <i>IT Alerting User Guide</i> .
Critical Events	The <b>Critical Events</b> tab is for Crisis Management. See the <i>Crisis Management User Guide</i> .
Incidents	The <b>Incidents</b> tab is for Incident Communications. Depending on your role, see the <i>Incident Administrator User Guide</i> or <i>Incident Operator User Guide</i> .
Contacts	This is the <b>Contacts</b> tab where you can add and maintain recipients who will receive Notifications, such as residents, employees, and college staff. Administrators can upload Contacts and add Groups and Rules. Administrators, Data Managers, and Group Managers, if given permission, can manage calendars from the Scheduling subtab.
Reports	<p>The <b>Reports</b> tab allows you to view Quick Reports (for example, Notification Analysis and Event Analysis).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Account and Organization Administrators can add Custom Reports.</li> <li>Group Managers can add Notification and Contact Custom Reports.</li> <li>Data Managers can add Contact Custom Reports.</li> </ul>



<b>Roles</b>	The <b>Roles</b> tab allows the Account Administrator to add other Everbridge roles and permissions to users in each Organization.
<b>Settings</b>	The <b>Settings</b> tab is provided for Administrators to configure settings specific to your Organization.
<b>Access</b>	The <b>Access</b> tab is displayed only if Organization Administrators have been given permission to manage users and roles.

Click the tab to access the corresponding page.

## Make Changes to Your User Profile

Once you have logged in to Everbridge Suite, you can make changes to your user profile, your password, your security question, your ability to launch Notifications by phone, and/or your regional settings.

To change your profile:

1. Click your Person icon, located in the top right-hand corner of the page.
2. Click **My Account**. Your user profile is displayed.
3. Edit your information as needed.
4. In the **Password** field, enter your login password. (Users logging in via Single Sign-On will not be required to enter a password.)
5. Click **Update**.

**NOTE:** When setting your Time Zone, know that the application automatically changes to Daylight Savings Time (DST) and automatically resets in Spring, as needed.

## Change Your Password

To change your password:

1. Click **Change Password** from the left-hand panel. The **Change Password** panel is displayed.
2. Enter the password information in the fields and click **Save**.

<b>Federal Clients</b>	<b>Non-Federal Clients</b>
At least 12 characters.	At least 8 characters.
At least one item from each of the following four groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uppercase letters (A through Z)</li> <li>• Lowercase letters (a through z)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least one item from three of the following four groups:</li> <li>• Uppercase letters (A through Z)</li> <li>• Lowercase letters (a through z)</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numerals (0 through 9)</li> <li>• Special characters: ! @ # \$ % ^ &amp; * ( )</li> </ul> <p>Cannot contain your account, first or last name</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numerals (0 through 9)</li> <li>• Special characters: ! @ # \$ % ^ &amp; * ( )</li> </ul> <p>Cannot contain your account, first or last name.</p>
Password lock after 3 attempts.	Password lock after 5 attempts.
<p>Password Expiration default: ON</p> <p>Prompt users to create a new password every:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 Days.</li> <li>• 60 Days.</li> <li>• 180 Days.</li> </ul>	<p>Password Expiration default: ON</p> <p>Prompt users to create a new password every:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 90 Days.</li> <li>• 180 Days.</li> <li>• 365 Days.</li> </ul>
When you reset or change your password, you will need to provide a new password. The new password cannot be the same as the previous 24 passwords. If you change your password, the counter resets to zero (0) and starts a new cycle.	When you reset or change your password, you will need to provide a new password. The new password cannot be the same as the previous 3 passwords. If you change your password, the counter resets to zero (0) and starts a new cycle.
When you forget your password, you are sent a temporary password that is valid for the next 24 hours.	When you forget your password, you are sent a temporary password that is valid for the next 72 hours.

## Change Your Security Question

To change your security question:

1. Click **Change Security Question** from the left-hand panel. The **Change Security Question** panel is displayed.
2. Select a new question from the drop-down list.
3. Type the answer to the question. Your answer is hidden. Optionally, select the check box: **Show answer**.
4. Type your password and click **Save**.

## Access a Notification by Phone

To be able to access a Notification by phone:

1. Select **Access by Phone** from the left-hand panel.
2. Enter your **User ID** and **Password** in the respective fields.
  - The **User ID** and **Password** must be numeric, but the fields cannot be identical. For example, if the **User ID** is "991100", then the value in the Password field cannot also be "991100".

- The fields can only contain digits 0-9, but cannot start with zero (0).
    - The values cannot contain all the same digits (such as all “1”, as in 111111).
    - The values cannot be any of the following nor the reverse of any of them: 123456, 1234567, 12345678, 123456789, 124567890.
  - Minimum length: 6 digits
  - Maximum length: 20 digits
  - The values cannot be empty.
  - The values cannot contain spaces (no leading spaces, no spaces between digits, and no trailing spaces).
  - The values cannot contain any non-alphabetic special characters or alphabetic characters.
3. Click **Save**.

## Change User Regional Settings

To change the User Regional Settings from US English:

1. Select **Regional Settings** from the left-hand panel.
2. From the **Language** field, select your desired language from the drop-down list. Depending on the language you choose, the date format for the country automatically adjusts accordingly.
3. From the **CSV Delimiter** field, select either:
  - Comma (,)
  - Semicolon (;)

The semicolon delimiter does not support the following:

- Incident Quick Reports
- Point Address Data

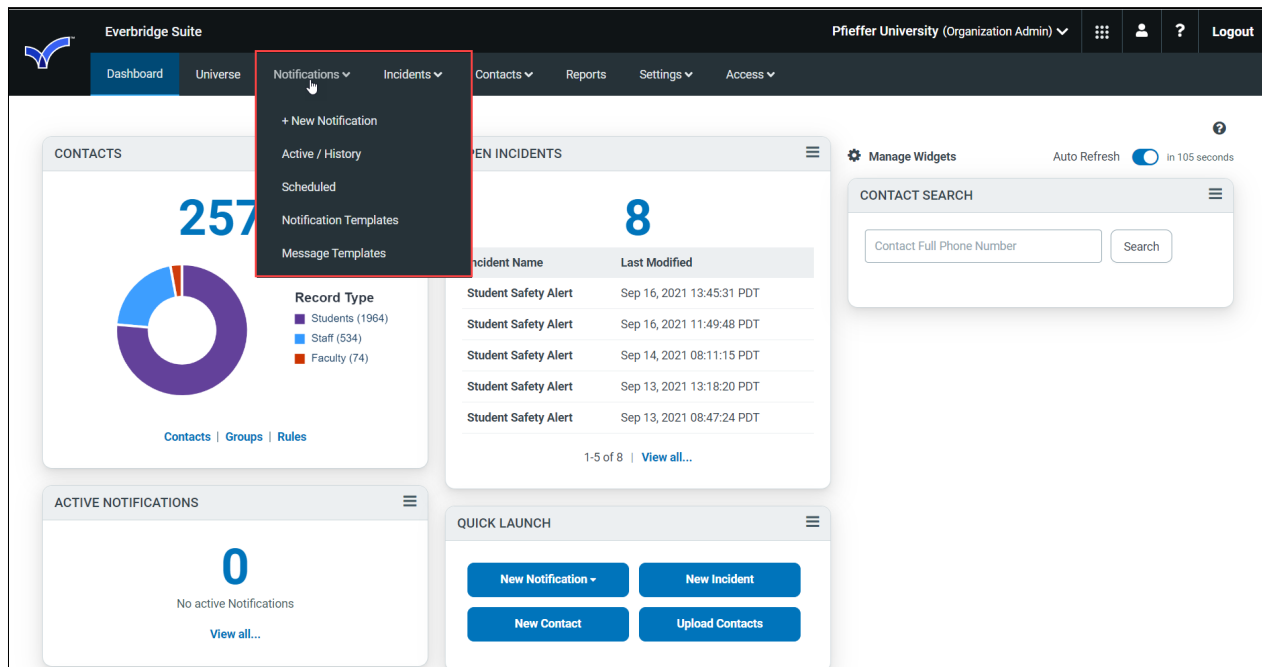
**NOTE:** Regional Settings can be configured at either the Account level or the Organization level.

4. Click **Save**.

## Apps Menu

An **Apps Menu** appears along the top navigation bar in the Manager Portal if your role has access to other Everbridge applications.

Select any enabled application or module from the **Apps Menu** bar to access it. Hovering your mouse over certain apps in the menu bar will populate a dropdown menu for easier navigation to subsections within that app or module.



The screenshot displays the Everbridge Suite Manager Portal interface. The top navigation bar includes the Everbridge logo, the text "Everbridge Suite", and the user's role "Pfeiffer University (Organization Admin)". The navigation bar also features a grid icon, a user profile icon, a help icon, and a "Logout" button. Below the navigation bar, the "Apps Menu" is visible, with a dropdown menu open for the "Notifications" app. The dropdown menu lists the following options: "+ New Notification", "Active / History", "Scheduled", "Notification Templates", and "Message Templates". The main content area shows a dashboard with various widgets. The "CONTACTS" widget displays a donut chart with 257 contacts, categorized by Record Type: Students (1964), Staff (534), and Faculty (74). The "OPEN INCIDENTS" widget shows a table of 8 incidents, all labeled "Student Safety Alert", with their last modified dates. The "ACTIVE NOTIFICATIONS" widget shows 0 active notifications. The "QUICK LAUNCH" widget contains buttons for "New Notification", "New Incident", "New Contact", and "Upload Contacts". A "CONTACT SEARCH" widget is also present on the right side of the dashboard.

# Notifications Overview

A **Notification** is the sending of a message to a contact using the Notification settings and delivery methods specified in the contact record.

After a contact confirms receipt of the message, the application stops sending the message to this contact.

When the Notification is sent, it is an active Notification. A Notification has a duration, in hours, that it remains active. An Account Administrator or Organization Administrator configures the duration that a Notification remains active.

When a Notification starts, all contacts are in the non-confirmed state. When they confirm they are receiving the message, they move into the confirmed state. If there is no contact path defined for a contact for any of the delivery methods used by this Notification, they are marked as unreachable. If they confirm after the Notification ends, they move into the confirmed-late state.

## Schedule Notification Template

The **Scheduled** subtab contains the Notifications that you predefined and pre-filled while planning for emergencies and other events ahead of time. From this list, you can select the template that has been scheduled to be released on a specific date or the recurring (or repeating) Notification.

Under **Sched/Recurrence**, for scheduled Notifications, you can see the date and time of scheduled Notifications. For Recurring Notifications, hover the mouse to see the start and end dates, how often the Notification will repeat, and the number of days.

## Send Notification Templates

To send a Notification template:

1. From the **Notification Templates** subtab, select the checkbox for each Notification to send.
2. Click **Send**.
3. Select whether to add the Notification to an event. For more information, see [Notification Events](#).
4. If [Simulation Mode is enabled](#), you can toggle "Go Live" on or off. A simulated Notification is when "Go Live" is toggled off.
5. Click **Send**.

Include as part of an event

☐ No, send as individual notification(s)
   
☒ Yes, send notification(s) under the event name:

Go Live ☒

Cancel

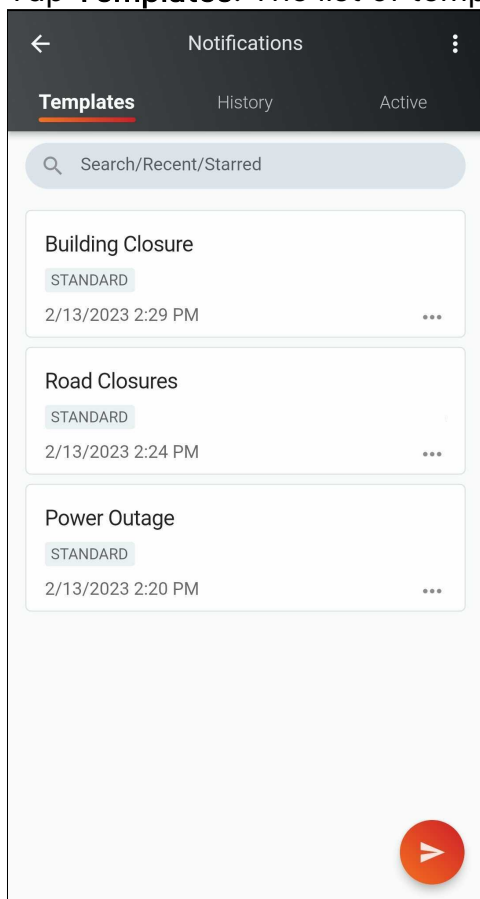
Send

## Sending Notifications From ManageBridge

Users can perform all the tasks of sending and monitoring Notifications from the ManageBridge app just as they would from the desktop Manager Portal.

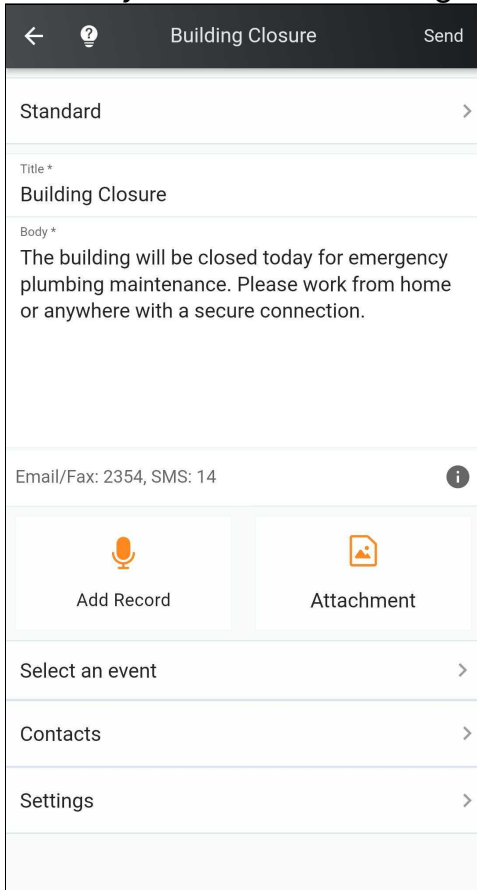
To send a new Notification from ManageBridge using a template:

1. From the home screen, tap **Notifications**.
2. Tap **Templates**. The list of templates available to you is displayed.





3. Tap the template you want to use. Your message is displayed. You can also manually enter a new message if you don't have a template to use.



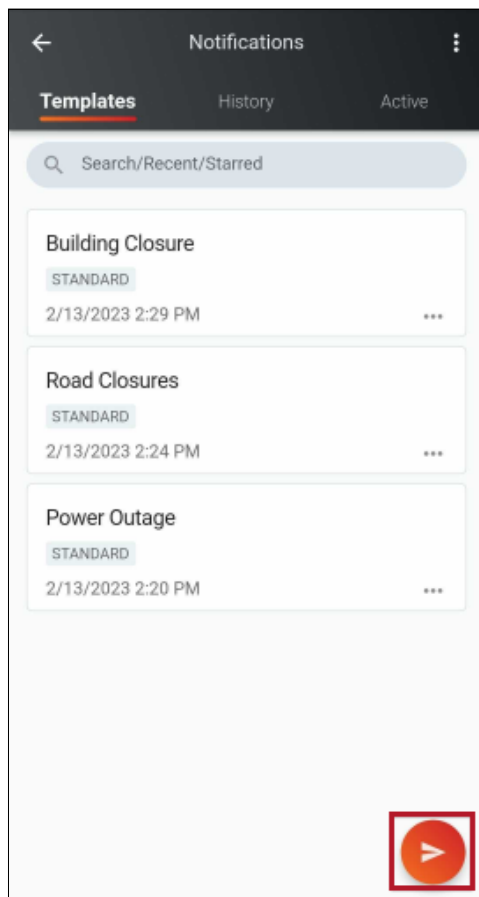
The screenshot shows a mobile app interface for creating a notification. At the top, there's a header bar with a back arrow, a question mark icon, the title "Building Closure", and a "Send" button. Below the header, there's a "Standard" template selection bar with a right arrow. The main content area has a "Title \*" field with the text "Building Closure" and a "Body \*" field with the text "The building will be closed today for emergency plumbing maintenance. Please work from home or anywhere with a secure connection." Below the body field, there's a status bar showing "Email/Fax: 2354, SMS: 14" and an information icon. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Add Record" with a microphone icon and "Attachment" with a document icon. Below these buttons, there are three more options: "Select an event", "Contacts", and "Settings", each with a right arrow.

4. Add a voice recording or attachment, if desired.
5. Tap **Select an event** to assign your notification to an event. See [Notification Events](#).
6. Click the back arrow to return to your message.
7. Tap **Next** to be taken to the **Contacts** page. Contacts can be added via Groups, Individuals, Rules, Map, or by utilizing the Search bar. Return to your message once the contacts have been selected.
8. Tap **Settings** to configure and preview the **Final Settings** page, including:
  - Delivery methods
  - Sender Information
  - Voicemail Preference
  - Confirmation preference
  - Delivery Throttling
  - Member App Settings
  - Additional Notifications settings
9. Tap **Send**. The summary page is displayed.
10. Tap **Stop** to stop this notification.
11. Tap **Send Follow-Up** if you want to send a follow-up message for this notification.

12. Click the back arrow to return to **Notifications**.
13. From **Notifications**, you can tap:
  - **History** to see a history of all your notifications both active and sent.
  - **Active** to see your active notifications.

## Sending a New Notification Without a Template

If there are no applicable templates to use, you can manually create a new Notification on the fly by tapping the orange message icon in the bottom-right corner of the Templates Page.



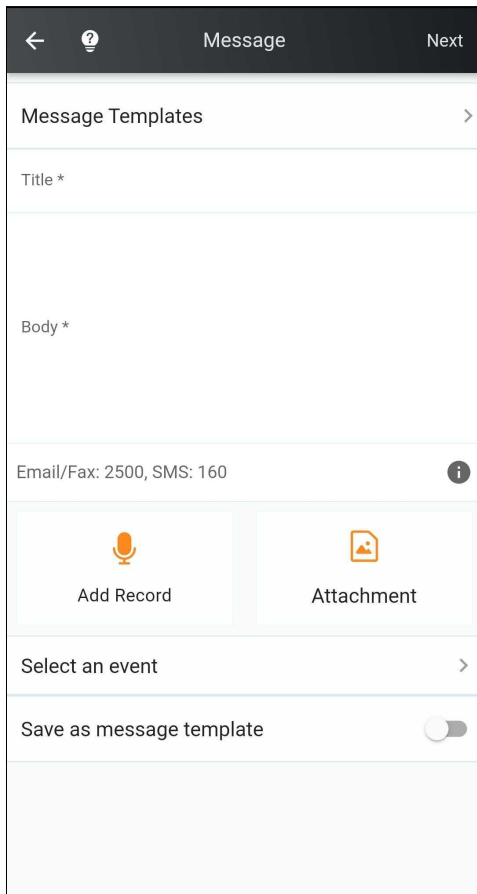
The New Notification page will appear, where the following settings can be configured:

- **Simulation Mode:** Message senders can practice the entire Notification workflow without sending out live Notifications. Access to simulation mode will be restricted based on the permissions provisioned in Manager Portal.
- **Imminent Threat to Life:** When selected, the Notification will be set to High Priority. Messages will also override the recipients' silent switch or "Do Not Disturb" mode on Apple devices.
- **High Priority:** Toggle ON to indicate to the recipient that this is a priority issue.

- **Notification Type:**
  - Standard
  - Polling
  - Quota
  - Conference
- **Use Custom SMS Message:** Use this option to create a separate message for SMS delivery methods. When selected:
  - Text entered directory below will only go to non-SMS delivery methods (such as email, Everbridge Mobile App, etc.)
  - The title will not be included in your SMS message.
  - Only available for the Standard message type.

After the above choices have been made, you'll proceed to the Message page. Here, you will:

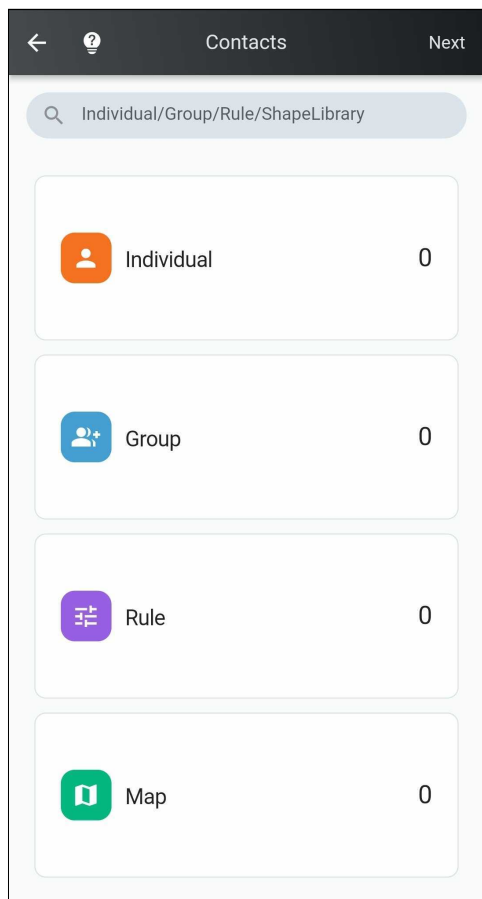
- Select a Message Template (if applicable)
- Enter the message body
- Add a voice recording or attach a file
- Select an Event
- Save as a Message Template



The screenshot shows the 'Message' creation screen in the Everbridge mobile app. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a back arrow, a help icon, the title 'Message', and a 'Next' button. Below the navigation bar, the screen is divided into several sections:
 

- Message Templates:** A section with a right-pointing chevron to select a template.
- Title \*:** A text input field for the message title, marked as required.
- Body \*:** A large text area for the message body, also marked as required.
- Character Limits:** A row showing 'Email/Fax: 2500, SMS: 160' with an information icon on the right.
- Add Record and Attachment:** Two buttons with icons for adding a voice recording and an attachment.
- Select an event:** A section with a right-pointing chevron to choose an event.
- Save as message template:** A toggle switch at the bottom, currently turned off.

Once the information has been filled in, tap **Next** to specify the recipients of this message. This can be done by choosing individual Contacts, entire Groups, via Rules, or from the Map.

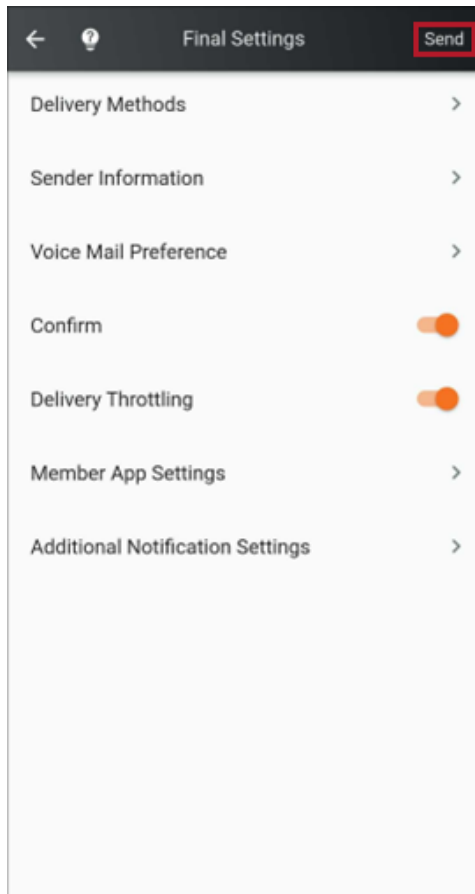


When the recipients have been selected, tap the **Back** arrow at the top, and then **Next**. You'll be taken to the **Final Settings** page, where you can configure:

- **Delivery Methods**
  - Text Paths
  - Voice Paths
  - Primary SMS
  - Primary Email
  - Primary Mobile
  - Everbridge Mobile App
- **Sender Information**
  - Sender Email
  - Sender Caller ID)
- **Voice Mail Preference**
  - Message Only
  - No Message
  - Message with Confirmation
- **Confirmation Preference (Enabled/Disabled)**

- **Delivery Throttling (Enabled/Disabled)**
- **Member App Settings**
  - Request Location
  - Request Image
  - Request Additional Information
  - Enable Sharing Options
- **Additional Notification Settings**
  - Language
  - Duration
  - Contact Cycles
  - Cycle Interval
  - Path Interval

Once all of the Final Settings have been specified, tap **Send**.



## Launching a Notification by Phone

When you cannot access the Internet or Wi-Fi, you can still launch Notifications if you have set them up.

To launch a Notification by phone:

1. Using your phone, dial the respective phone number from the following table:

Description	Number
Global Direct Phone	+1 857-444-0443
Canada Toll-Free	800-971-5015
Puerto Rico Toll-Free	800-971-5015
United Kingdom Toll-Free	0800-088-5445
United States Toll-Free	800-971-5015
United States Virgin Islands Toll-Free	800-971-5015

You will hear, “Welcome to the Message Center, powered by Everbridge.”

2. Follow the on-phone instructions, as shown next.
3. Enter your custom **Organization ID** if asked.
4. If you have multiple Notifications, enter the **Template ID** number and press # (or press \* to hear a list of all the template IDs).
5. Press **1** to confirm your Notification Template ID or follow the instructions to hear a list of Template IDs. Each Notification was set up in Notifications > **Send & Save** > **Save as a Notification Template**.
6. Press **1** to send your Notification now.
7. Hang up when instructed.

8. Log in to Everbridge Suite to see the **Active/History**. The Notification Details show **Sent From: Launch by Phone**.

### West Building Parking Lot Under Construction

**STOPPED** Notification ID: 2009224355774726

Auto Refresh ☐

Rebroadcast Send Follow Up

Status


Method

0 - Confirmed


0 - Confirmed Late

0 - Unreachable

1 - Not Confirmed



#### Details

Notification Type:	Standard
Imminent Threat to Life:	No
Priority Greeting:	No
SMS Message:	<a href="#">View</a>
Recurring:	No
Sent From:	Launch by phone
Start:	Nov 11, 2021 08:53:48 NUT
End:	Nov 11, 2021 08:55:31 NUT
Sent by:	Derek Anderson
Stopped On:	Nov 11, 2021 08:55:31 NUT
Stopped By:	Derek Anderson
Sent to:	 1 contacts
Voice Recording:	None
Event:	
Message Format:	Text
Escalation:	No

#### Message

##### West Building Parking Lot Under Construction

Due to construction, the West Building parking lot will be closed until 11/27. Please utilize street parking or the East Building parking garage during this time.

We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

## Notification Events

There may be several Notifications as the result of a single event. For example, a storm may require warning notices and specific evacuation or preparation Notifications. A chemical spill might require an evacuation message, a Notification to Hazardous Materials responders, a status update, and an all-clear message. By using an event name, you can group the Notifications for the same event in your Organization.

When Notifications are assigned to an event, it makes it possible to track multiple Notifications that were all part of the same event or Incident, follow the progression over time, and analyze the results of an event in a single report.

To add a Notification to an event, click **Yes, send Notification(s) under the event name** in the **Include as part of an event** dialogue. Then, select a previously used event name from the menu.