



# Safety & Security Newsletter

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*The safety and security of any community is an obligation shared by those who are formally tasked to do so and the community members they serve.*

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## Safety and Security

Welcome back! I hope you had a relaxing and safe holiday season. This edition of the OSS newsletter will provide information on winter, laboratory, and personal safety. There are many inexpensive resources available and listed below are some of the most popular. If you know of resources that would benefit others, and you would like to share, let me know and I will include the information in future newsletters. Additional resources are also available on the SDSU Safety and Security [website](#).

On the weather front we could be in for an interesting rest of the winter. For those of you interested in weather, especially in El Nino, I have provided a link to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) El Nino information [page](#).

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has developed a mobile application for smart phones that provide alerts from the National Weather Service, safety tips, and communication tools for use in an emergency. Information on the App is available on the [FEMA](#) site.

The book, [The Gift of Fear](#) by Gavin de Becker is one of the most read books on personal safety. I highly recommend it as it focuses on intuition as our best tool to increase our awareness of threats and the proactive response to the threats. The book is available at most brick and mortar bookstores and online.

[Implementing Behavioral Threat Assessment on Campus](#) is available as a free [download](#) and discusses the development of threat assessment at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech).

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# University Police Department

**\*We have moved- we are now located at 1405 Jackrabbit Avenue.**

While many of you are already longing for spring time and the warmer weather that comes with it, South Dakota State University still has several weeks of winter left on the calendar. The University Police Department would like to remind you that personal safety starts with having a plan. That includes a winter safety plan. Please read the following suggestions and check out the links for more in-depth information on winter safety topics.

## 1. Emergency Supply Kit – Home

Do you have an emergency supply kit in your home? FEMA recommends 3 days' worth of emergency supplies for each person in your home. That includes food, water, and in winter months, and something to keep you warm should the power go out.

<http://www.ready.gov/kit>

## 2. Emergency Supply Kit – Vehicle

Your home is not the only place where emergency supplies are important. With winter travel being perilous at times, having items to help ensure your safety in your vehicle is also important. The SD Safety Council has prepared this list to get you started.

<http://www.southdakotasafetycouncil.org/facts/f-facts.cfm?FS=26&BAK=f-categ.cfm&CID=2>

## 3. Winter Safety

While we all know to dress warm when going outside, it is easy to become complacent or forget out about other safety precautions. Please review the following links for tips from the Red Cross, The Center for Disease Control and OSHA regarding winter and cold weather safety.

<http://www.redcross.org/news/article/Top-Ten-Red-Cross-Cold-Weather-Safety-Tips>

<http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/winter-storm>

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/>

## 4. Winter safety at work

Winter precautions are important at home and while traveling, but they are also important for those of us who work outdoors in the cold weather. Please check out some tips from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) on cold weather preparations for working outdoors. Information is available on the OSHA [website](#).

We were glad to see many of you at our open house on Wednesday. If you were unable to make it and would like a tour please give me a call.

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**For Emergencies call 111 from a campus phone.**

Emergency calls using 911 will be transferred from the Brookings Police Department to the UPD Communications Center.

## **Resources (Links)**

[Annual Campus Safety Report](#)  
[Brookings Police Department](#)  
[Brookings County Sheriff's Office](#)

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*“Remember; when disaster strikes, the time to prepare has passed.” - Steven Cyros*

Always remember. If You See Something Say Something.

I would like to remind everyone of the Safety App that we have available to you on campus.

[JACKRABBITS GUARDIAN](#) can be used by anyone associated with campus. If you're not associated with campus the generic app from RAVE Guardian is still free.

Use Jackrabbit Guardian when you leave campus in bad weather situations or on your way to campus. To do so, setup your guardians within the app and let them know your estimated time of arrival by setting your timer. If you don't arrive on time or safely it can then be used to help locate you by using your GPS on your phone. If your phone is not on at the time because of an accident or the battery dies, it can still be used to trace your movement prior to your phone being disconnected.

Before you leave work/home check the road conditions on Safe Travel USA mobile app or go to [Safe Travel USA](#) website for the most up to date road conditions.

You can also sign up to receive travel advisories directly to your email or phone at [ClearPath 511](#).

Please Don't Crowd the Plow!

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLR8f3PB6zWBnyFGLtjXgHCvgCCX4eZk6v&v=PPXofKg1UIY>

Here is a video to consider when clearing snow from your vehicle or at least a helpful hint.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcNrh8FL3vE>

This is not clearing your windshield.



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In an emergency dial 111 from  
a campus phone or 911 from a  
cellular phone.

## Environmental Health & Safety

The EHS office assists SDSU staff and students to be vigilant in safety in their working and learning environment. The guidelines that EHS uses come from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), SD Risk Management Office, OSHA, Nuclear Regulatory Commission and others. EHS's goal is to apply those to the SDSU campus.

OSHA applies to what you are doing. EHS uses the OSHA Laboratory Standard as a major part of our guidelines:  
<http://tinyurl.com/jxy2vwx>

EPA regulations deal with the management of the hazardous waste that the university produces every day and helps to determine how to deal with those materials. <http://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/regulations-hazardous-waste-generated-academic-laboratories>

SD Risk Management covers liability issues for the state including auditing all state owned facilities for safety/liability issues.

The EHS reminds you of an invisible winter killer, Carbon Monoxide (CO). With no with color, taste, or smell it can kill entire households at one time. CO replaces the oxygen in the bloodstream and suffocates its victims without ever giving them a choking sensation. Winter is the most common time for these deaths; make sure that your heating system is properly maintained and have a working CO sensor. Be aware of CO poisoning symptoms to identify them early. More information can be found at the SD Safety Council.  
<http://www.southdakotasafetycouncil.org/facts/f-facts.cfm?FS=30&BAK=f-categ.cfm&CID=1>

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