SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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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- Office of Safety and Security
- University Police Department
- Emergency Management
- Environmental Health and Safety

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Welcome

As we send another class down the road to greatness the University continues to define its own future through the creation and distribution of the Impact 2018 Strategic Plan. This document outlines the goals and initiatives of the University. Similarly the Office of Safety and Security has a written a strategic plan. This plan provides an ambitious set of initiatives with measurable goals. The plan is available on the OSS web page.

The success of our strategic plan is highly dependent on our ability to involve the SDSU community in our initiatives. The focus of the plan is on the development of the University Police Department, the Emergency Management Department, and the Office of Environmental Health and Safety as resources to the University, with strong connections to the community they serve.

The plan provides numerous opportunities for engagement, to include involvement on a campus wide Safety and Security Committee, surveys to evaluate safety and security services at SDSU, and attendance at educational sessions provided by members of the Office of Safety and Security.

The OSS strategic plan also demonstrates a commitment to the integration and effective use of security related technologies such as the enhancement of emergency communications, and camera and alarm monitoring operations.

As always, I encourage the faculty, staff, and students to take an active role in the safety and security of our community. It truly does take all of us to make SDSU the safest and most secure place possible.

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University Police Department

The University Police Department encourages faculty, staff and students to take proactive steps to enhance their personal safety and the safety of their personal and professional property. We offer several programs to reduce the likelihood of crime on and off campus. Most of these programs are offered free of charge, however there may been a nominal free for courses that require extensive program materials. In order to request a presentation, please contact the University Police Department at 605-688-5117 or email sdsu.pd@sdstate.edu.

Active Shooter Response
While rare, active shooter incidents have become far too prevalent and devastating in our society. This presentation provides information and strategies for survival in the event such an incident were to take place on our campus. Threat assessment and management approaches are also discussed so we can all work toward preventing active shooter and other incidents. Additional Information on threat assessment and management is available on the Office of Safety and Security website. One-hour presentations on threat assessment and management and the University Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) are also available upon request.

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD)
Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) is a self-defense program developed exclusively for women. This 12-13 hour course begins with a classroom portion that covers topics on general safety, how to make your residence or work space more secure, travel safety, risk reduction, physical options if you are attacked and much more. Each student is provided the opportunity to apply hands on self-defense techniques (blocks, punches, kicks, ground fighting, etc.). These techniques are then put to use in a simulated attack by our certified R.A.D. instructors. More information on the program is available at the RAD website.

Physical Security Assessments
Staff of the UPD are trained in facility assessments and are available for onsite consultation. Individual departments can request a security assessments of their facilities to determine vulnerabilities and make recommendations to improve the area's security. The person requesting the assessment will receive a report stating the strengths, weakness and recommendations for improvement.

Security Technology Needs Assessment and Recommendations
If you are considering adding new or additional cameras or security alarms to your facility contact the University Police Department. We can help evaluate your needs. This will assure that technology is used efficiently and that hardware and software are compatible with existing university systems. UPD can also assist in the preparation of operating procedure to maximize the investment in security technology.

General Programming
If there is a topic of interest or concern to you not listed here on the University Police website please contact the department. I am confident that we will be able to assist you by developing a custom presentation tailored specifically to your needs or concerns.

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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

The State of South Dakota Department of Emergency Management has produced a Severe Weather Preparedness Guide. This guide is designed to help families cope with disaster by preparing in advance and working together as a team. Knowing what to do is your best defense against the burden of a disaster. Being prepared helps to reduce fear, anxiety, and losses that accompany disasters.
Severe Weather Guide

A weather radio tuned to your local area is always a good way to be alerted of severe weather. Keep one at your home and office to help keep you safe. Don't forget to change out your batteries routinely if you already have one!

Recently a tornado touched down in Delmont causing a great deal of damage. This is a reminder of the dangers associated with a tornado and the precatory action you should take when a watch or warning is issued.

A **tornado watch** is issued when weather conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms that are capable of producing tornadoes.

A **tornado warning** is an alert issued by weather services to warn that severe thunderstorms with tornadoes may be imminent. It can be issued after a tornado or funnel cloud has been spotted by the public, storm chasers, emergency management or law enforcement, or more commonly if there are radar indications of tornado formation

When the Brookings area is under a tornado watch an e-mail will be sent to students and staff informing them of the watch. The e-mail will direct recipients to tune to local media for updated conditions. They will also be encouraged to identify nearby shelter. Tornado shelter is in interior rooms and hallways, away from windows. If outside, avoid low lying areas as they may be prone to flooding.

When a tornado warning is issued for the area you will be notified through Everbridge via the contact information you have provided. If you are enrolled you will also receive the warning through the Alertus Desktop Notification System. The Brookings tornado sirens may also be activated. If the Brookings area is under a tornado warning you should immediately seek shelter and remain there until the warning is cancelled. If available take a radio, cell phone, and flashlight to the shelter area as a tornado may result in a loss of power.

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

Laboratory Safety Stand Down Information

On-line Chemical and Biological Inventories

EHS would like to thank all of those who have submitted chemical and biological inventories to the EHS office; But we are waiting for more!

The EHS inventory system is almost completed! EHS has been working such a system for several years but the new system will be a working system by the middle of May. All inventories that have been sent to the EHS office as Excel files will be inserted into the new system. Some room registration information may have to be re-entered by laboratory PI's once the system is working. The new system will allow only laboratory PI's and designated individuals to access their facility's information.

EHS is currently picking up chemicals listed for disposal. All chemicals, either in original containers or solutions will be disposed of without additional charges to laboratories. IT and UPD will be distributing on-line questionnaires to determine data and physical security. EHS will be starting lab audits in May, we are asking PI's to please fill out the self-audit located on the EHS website.

As part of the Laboratory Stand Down: UPD, EM and EHS will be coordinating building fire drills/evacuation during the spring and summer. These are important to understand what precautions and procedures will be necessary to safely shut down laboratory operations including distillation operations and other such procedures.

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