



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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We have something new for 2017. Starting with next month's newsletter, information from the technology side of the Division of Technology and Security will be included in this newsletter. Technology staff will offer information on its services and resources and other information regarding safe computing and social media usage. If there are specific areas you would like to see addressed here, please contact a technology staff member. The department's contact information is available on the Technology [website](#).

You recently received the SDSU Climate Survey. This assessment provides campus constituents an opportunity to voice their experiences and perceptions of the campus environment. Specifically, it serves as a conduit for providing feedback to help direct university initiatives. This information will be used to develop strategic priorities related to the campus environment and all who interact with the campus community including current and future students, alumni, visitors, faculty, employees and other stakeholders. Information about the survey, frequently asked questions and survey process timeline is available on [InsideState](#). I encourage you to look through the information and complete the survey.

The Office of Safety and Security looks forward to another good year. As always, if there is something you would like to see addressed in this newsletter, please let me know.

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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](#)

University Police Department

As we continue into the new calendar year, the University Police Department remains dedicated to serving the needs of our students, faculty, staff and visitors around the clock. This service includes proactive patrol, investigations, building security activities, emergency response and other public safety services. We look to increase our outreach to the students and staff by developing and practicing new community engagement opportunities.

Programing

Our staff provides a range of programs to the community. A list of these programs are available on our [website](#). If there is a program you would like to see but it is not listed, please call (605) 688- 5117. We can work with you to develop additional educational offerings to fit your needs.

Weapons Storage

One feature of the University Police Department facility is the dedicated space for the secure storage of handguns and long guns. This service is free, enhances the overall safety and security of the university, and provides a means in which to remain compliant with South Dakota State University's weapons policy. This policy is available on the SDSU Policy and Procedure [website](#).

In fall 2016, the secure firearms storage room nearly reached capacity with numerous students and employees, mostly hunters, bringing their shotguns, rifles and handguns to the University Police Department for safekeeping. This service is also frequently used by students who shoot recreationally at the Outdoor Adventure Center or Beacon Hill Gun Club. For more information and procedures on storing firearms at University Police Department, please visit our [website](#).

Fingerprinting Services

We recently received a Live Scan Fingerprint machine. This means we no longer have to work with messy ink. All you need is your fingerprint card and \$5. We accept cash or check. Sorry, credit cards or Hobo Dough are not accepted. Officers are available for fingerprinting Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1-5 p.m. If a large group needs fingerprinting done at one time, please call ahead to ensure an officer is available for an extended period of time.

Speaking of services, did you know that we jump-start vehicles and have done so hundreds of times this year? Last year, we upgraded our jump-start pack, which allows us to be successful in all but the most difficult circumstances.

Reminder—this is the time of year when sidewalks and other areas might be covered with ice. Please contact Facilities & Services at 688-4136 if you come across a hazardous situation.

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“Emergency Preparedness is a Team Sport.” –Eric Whitaker

Always remember. If You See
Something Say Something.

Emergency Management

Training is an important part of emergency management. The Federal Emergency Management Agency provides a lot of free training to provide first responders, homeland security officials, emergency management officials, private and nongovernmental partners, and other personnel with the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to perform key tasks required by specific capabilities.

One of FEMA’s goals is to support the dissemination of hazard, disaster and emergency management-related information in colleges and universities across the U.S. National Training Programs:

[Center for Domestic Preparedness;](#)

[Emergency Management Institute;](#)

[National Training and Education Division;](#) and

[National Fire Academy.](#)

There are many ways to help build a strong foundation for a more secure and resilient nation. Department of Homeland Security works closely with members of the academic community and directly engages with school administrators, faculty and students on a range of issues. DHS now has the [Office of Academic Engagement](#), which supports DHS’s mission by building, improving and leveraging relationships with the academic community.

If you are interested in learning more about emergency management, you are encouraged to check out some of FEMA’s courses. Suggested online classes are [IS 100](#), [IS 200](#) and [IS 700](#).

Did You Know?

- Fire drills are conducted routinely in residential, administrative and classroom facilities to ensure fire systems work properly and building evacuations are safe and efficient.

These drills are coordinated with and conducted by my office, the University Police Department, Environmental Health and Safety, Facilities and Services, and the facility’s building warden(s). If you would like more information on these events, please contact me.

- Sgt. Jon Anderson and I provide monthly active shooter classes. These classes are available to all members of the university community. Information on upcoming classes is posted on InsideState.
- Most buildings have a building warden. Do you know the name of your building warden? For information on the building warden program, please contact me.

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

Environmental Health and Safety

Personal Winter Weather Protection: We had a nice warm spell earlier this year, but the risk of exposure to the elements can be even higher as we start to shed layers of our protective winter gear. EHS would like to remind everyone that regulating your core body temperature is paramount when dealing with South Dakota's harsh climate episodes.

Hypothermia-related deaths have rapidly increased across the country as people are choosing fashion over function for their protective winter gear. More people suffer from hypothermia-related injuries and deaths during the beginning of the year due to the warming/cooling phases. Heavy protective gear can be dangerous as it can cause sweating and then one sheds a layer to cool. This sudden heat transfer from the body to the environment can be up to 240 times faster when moisture is involved.

Hypothermia can be a real threat that even the heartiest people can face. Here are four symptoms and stages of hypothermia:

1. **First Stage** involves shivering and slurred speech. The victim retains a self-aware level of consciousness, is capable of logical thinking and is still capable of self-rescue. Mild frostbite of the smaller digits and appendages is possible during this stage (body's core temperature: 95.0-89.6 °F).
2. **Second stage** is when the victim's body stops shivering. People will often begin to shed clothes as they often feel that they are "burning up internally," but the opposite is actually taking place. Consciousness can be severely diminished and they often babble and make very rash and/or poor decisions. The victim's appendages are usually severely frostbitten (body's core temperature: 89.5-82.4 °F).
3. During the **third stage** the victim can lose consciousness. One shows no signs of shivering and breathing rate has slowed to a crawl. Appendages can be frozen and will not bend or move. If one does not receive medical attention immediately, death may occur (body's core temperature: 82.4-68.0 °F).
4. **Stage four** results in death. The victim's core body temperature has fallen below 68.0° F and is no longer breathing. Brain death has occurred and there is no hope of revival.

Be mindful of your surroundings and wear adequate protective clothing for the conditions. It is usually better to put on layers during extreme temperatures. If you encounter someone who has symptoms of hypothermia, get help immediately. If they have reached a diminished level of consciousness, their ability to help themselves is significantly reduced and could be violent upon interaction, so use caution and call 911 immediately. [Medline](#) has some good advice for all of us that spend time outdoors in South Dakota.

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