



Public Safety Newsletter

St. Olaf College

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This Month:

- Severe Weather Awareness
- Prevent Heat Illnesses
- Summer Parking & Permits
- AED's on Campus

Do you have a question or concern you would like to see addressed in a future newsletter?

E-Mail us at:
dpsnews@stolaf.edu

24-Hour Public Safety Dispatch:
On-Campus: 3666
Off-Campus: (507)-786-3666

Police, Fire & Ambulance 9-911
(Emergency)

Northfield Police 9-645-4477
(Non-Emergency)

Other Important Numbers:

Counseling Center	3062
Dean of Students	3023
Health Services	3063
Parking Office	2972
Safe Ride	3666
Sexual Assault Resource Network (SARN)	3777
Hope Center	1-800-607-2330



Severe Weather Awareness

Outdoor Warning Systems:

In Minnesota, the sirens are ONE METHOD of notifying residents of the presence of a Severe Weather Warning. Sirens are designed for persons who are outdoors. Persons indoors are expected to be aware of the

weather and to turn to an appropriate media channel for further information. If the siren has sounded and stopped, it should NOT be construed as an "all clear." The National Weather Service (NWS), Emergency Management or commercial broadcasters DO NOT issue "all clear." The NWS issues a time, with a watch or warning, when the watch/warning will expire - at that time the public must decide for itself if it is safe to leave shelters and/or resume their normal activities.

Severe Weather: In Minnesota, severe weather takes different forms, depending on the season. In late spring through fall, severe weather can include thunderstorms, tornadoes, hail and straight line winds.

Severe Weather WATCH: Conditions are right for severe weather to occur.

Severe Weather WARNING: Severe weather has been confirmed and is moving in a direction that jeopardizes the local area. **GET TO A SAFE AREA IMMEDIATELY!**

Straight Line Winds: Tornado strength winds that do not rotate but blow in straight lines.

Severe Thunderstorms: Rainstorms that include thunder and lightning, as well as the possibility of various sizes of hail.

Tornado: Conditions are right for a tornado when a hot humid air mass collides with a cold air mass. Wind speeds of a tornado can reach 200 MPH. Tornado sirens are activated by the City of North-

field when the path of the tornado includes Northfield and/or the Northern part of Rice County.

Note: *Tornado sirens are tested by the City of Northfield the first Wednesday of every month at 1:00 pm. The second thru fourth (some months fifth) Wednesday the sirens undergo a "growl" test. People near the sirens may hear a very short burst, the siren rotates. This is done as a part of the maintenance plan to insure that the sirens and all the associated functions are operating.*

Consider purchasing a weather radio with S.A.M.E. technology. What is S.A.M.E.? This stands for Specific Area Message Encoding (S.A.M.E.). Radios with S.A.M.E. technology are programmed by the user for their specific area or community. The National Weather Service or NWS broadcasts a digital S.A.M.E. code along with every regular weather broadcast. Weather radios with S.A.M.E. capability receive this digital code and will only alert for severe weather within the specific area.

Severe Weather Response

Be aware of your location and the location of the storm shelter in the building you are in.

IF SEVERE WEATHER WATCH IS ISSUED:

- Listen to local radio and TV stations for further updates.
- Be alert to changing weather conditions.

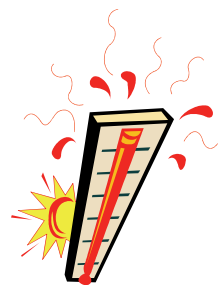
IF SEVERE WEATHER WARNING IS ISSUED:

- If you are inside, go to a safe place in the building
- If you are outside, hurry to the basement of a nearby sturdy building or lie flat in a ditch or low lying area. Use your arms and hands to protect your head and neck.
- If you are in a motor vehicle, get out immediately and head for safety.

Prevent Heat Illnesses As The Weather Warms

Heat exhaustion: This condition often occurs when people exercise (work or play) in a hot, humid place and body fluids are lost through sweating, causing the body to over-heat. The person's temperature may be elevated, but not above 104°F.

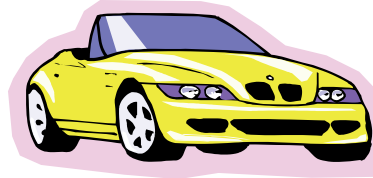
Heat stroke: This medical condition is life-threatening. The person's cooling system, which is controlled by the brain, stops working and the internal body temperature rises to the point where brain damage or damage to other internal organs may result (temperature may reach 105+°F).



Prevention

Avoid heat exhaustion by not engaging in strenuous activity in hot, humid environments. Intersperse periods of rest in a cool environment with plenty of available fluids to drink. Avoid strenuous activities during the hottest part of the day.

Heat stroke often occurs in people who are unable to modify their environments: infants, the elderly, and bed-ridden people. People who are taking many types of blood pressure allergy, or depression medication may also be particularly at risk and should avoid hot environments.



Summer Parking and Permits: What you should know

Summer is here, and those students who will be staying on campus to study or work for the summer will need to obtain a Summer Parking Permit from the Parking Office (Administration Building 114). There is no reason to not get a summer permit—after all, they are free!! That’s right—there is no cost to students for summer permits!!!

As during the academic year, the parking policy is still in effect, and there are two types of summer permits for students—one for those living on campus, and another for those living off campus.

On-campus permits are to park in Skoglund Lot, Lot I, Lot J or Lincoln Lot. Even though Mohn Hall is the summer residence hall, at this time there are not any on-campus permits allowed to park in Lot C (Commuter Lot) next to the building.

Off-campus permits can park in either of the two commuter lots—Lot C, or by Hill/Kitt. Signs are posted labeling EACH of the areas as Commuter Parking.

Due to the various conferences and events that will be held on campus throughout the summer, it is extremely important that students park where their permit allows, and not take up faculty/staff/visitor spaces that will be needed by others.

Any questions? Feel free to contact Parking Office Coordinator Donna Hunter at x2972 or via e-mail: hunterd@stolaf.edu

Campus AED’s

What is an AED?

An AED or **Automated External Defibrillator** is a portable device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of a heart attack in a person and is able to treat them through defibrillation, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm.

There are several AED’s installed in public locations across campus:

- ⇒Administration Building—1st floor, by the elevator
- ⇒Boe Memorial Chapel—Pastor’s Office
- ⇒Boldt Construction Trailer—near west entrance
- ⇒Buntrock Commons—Office Suite 147 (*sometimes inaccessible*)
- ⇒Christiansen Hall of Music—by Room 101
- ⇒Porter Hall—Athletic Training Room
- ⇒Power Plant—Stairwell by Main (or East) door
- ⇒Regents Hall—3rd Floor Atrium by the Elevator
- ⇒Rolvaag Memorial Library—At the Circulation Desk
- ⇒Skoglund Athletic Center—On north end of Lobby & Athletic Training room
- ⇒Ytterboe Hall—front desk

In addition, an AED is carried by Public Safety in our primary patrol vehicle.



Mission Statement

Department of Public Safety

St. Olaf College

The mission of the Public Safety Department is:

"To support and advance the educational objectives of St. Olaf College by fostering and maintaining a safe, secure and stable environment for living, learning, and working."

Important Dates for June:

June is *National Safety Month*

June 1	Summer Session I Begins
June 14	Flag Day
June 1-7	National Sun Safety Week
June 5-7	Take a Kid Fishing Weekend
June 15-21	National Men’s Health Week
June 21	Father’s Day

Please visit our web sites at:
<http://www.stolaf.edu/stulife/safety>
<http://www.stolaf.edu/stulife/parking>

Did you know?

During the 2008-2009 Academic Year, Public Safety Officers:

- Wrote 546 Incident Reports
- Responded to 3,730 Calls for Service (including 267 Jumpstarts)
- Transported 2,030 students (Safe Ride transported an additional 5,268)
- Found 1,027 unsecured doors (outside of normal lock-up)
- Issued 4,299 Parking Citations

What does that mean? Well, at roughly 64 calls a day, let’s just say the officers had a bit of a busy year!!