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Local Area Events

JANUARY

Prom Dress Fashion Show - New Ulm
Snofest - New Ulm
Snowmobile & ATV Radar Run - New Ulm

FEBRUARY

Casino Extravaganza - Madelia
Younger Brothers Capture - Madelia
Fasching - New Ulm
Snowmobile Hillclimb - Sleepy Eye
Springfield Day

MARCH

Farm City Hub Club Farm Show - New Ulm
New Ulm Trade Fair
Spring Bake Sale - New Ulm
Home, Yard & Garden Show - Springfield
McFun 5k Run - Sleepy Eye
Pot o' Gold Hunt - Sleepy Eye

APRIL

Family Fair - New Ulm
Fun Shoot - New Ulm
Easter Egg Hunt - Sleepy Eye
Miss Sleepy Eye Coronation

MAY

Motorcycle Road Run - New Ulm
Renaissance Faire - New Ulm
Spring Open House City Wide Garage Sales -
Springfield

JUNE

Gardenfest - New Ulm
Motorcycle & ATV Flat Track Races - New Ulm
Riverside Days - Springfield

JULY

Park Days - Madelia
LauraPalooza - Mankato
National Night Out Rally - New Ulm
Polka Fest - New Ulm
Party in the Park - Sleepy Eye
Crazy Days - Springfield
Watonwan County Fair - St. James

AUGUST

Brown County Fair - New Ulm
Hillclimb - New Ulm
Santa in the Summer - New Ulm
Buttered Corn Days Celebration - Sleepy Eye

Local Area Events

SEPTEMBER

New Ulm Fall Craft Show
Price Day - Springfield

OCTOBER

Halloween Party - New Ulm
Oktoberfest - New Ulm
Community Halloween Party - St. James

NOVEMBER

Razzle Dazzle - Madelia
Art Scape - New Ulm
Farm-City Day Celebration - New Ulm
Opera House Gala - St. James

DECEMBER

Christmas Train - New Ulm
Jingle Bell Jam Fun Run - New Ulm
St. James Winter Carnival

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Court Administration	233-6670
Information Technology	233-6629
Child Support	354-8246
Economic Development	794-7992
Emergency	911
Family Services	354-8246
Highway Dept	233-5700
License Bureau	359-6561
Maintenance	233-6707
Personnel	233-6605
Planning / Zoning	233-6640
Recorders	233-6653
Sheriff	233-6700
Social Services	354-8246
Veterans Services	233-6636

Residential Services

WATONWAN COUNTY

Assessor	(507) 375-1205
Attorney	375-3373
Auditor	375-1210
Court Administration	375-1236
Court Services	375-1294
Emergency	911
Emergency Management	375-5841
Environmental/Zoning	375-1225
Extension	375-1262
Human Services	375-3294
Information Services	375-2525
License Bureau	375-1219
Public Works	375-3393
Recorder	375-1216
Sheriff	507-3121
Transportation	375-7385
Treasurer	375-1213
Veterans Services	375-1254

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First Weekend
in June

Threshing Bee:
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in August



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Brown County History

Brown County, named in the honor of Joseph Renshaw Brown, a trader, businessman, Indian agent, politician, speculator, and inventor. Four men from Chicago, Illinois came to the area where Brown County is today seeking a new place for settlement. Brown County was established on February 18, 1856 and named New Ulm the county seat. The size of Brown County covered forty-two thousand square miles until it was reduced to its current size when Minnesota became a State in 1858 and more counties were founded. Early settlement came mostly from Germans and Norwegians who were attracted to the rivers and lush prairies. The county's population expanded rapidly after a railroad was extended from New Ulm to Springfield. By 1900 the population of Brown County reached 19,787. Today Brown County is home to approximately 25,862 residents.

Brown County Communities

CITIES:

COBDEN – pop. 59
COMFREY – pop. 344
EVAN – pop. 92
HANSKA – pop. 409
NEW ULM – pop. 13,048
SLEEPY EYE – pop. 3,423
SPRINGFIELD – pop. 2,148

TOWNSHIPS:

ALBIN – pop. 324
BASHAW – pop. 253
BURNSTOWN – pop. 255
COTTONWOOD – pop. 905

TOWNSHIPS CONTD.

EDEN – pop. 317
HOME – pop. 648
LAKE HANSKA – pop. 316
LEAVENWORTH – pop. 331
LINDEN – pop. 337
MILFORD – pop. 753
MULLIGAN – pop. 244
NORTH STAR – pop. 321
PRAIRIEVILLE – pop. 334
SIGEL – pop. 423
STARK – pop. 378
STATELY – pop. 209

***Populations are approximate.**

NEW ULM (COUNTY SEAT)

New Ulm was founded in 1856 and later incorporated in 1857 by German Chicago settlers. It was selected the county seat of the newly established Brown County in 1856. New Ulm is named after the city of Ulm in the province of Wurttemberg, Germany because it was the home of many of the German settlers. The city acted as an important gateway and trading area as new settlers moved in. New Ulm was nearly destroyed by Indians in 1962 after the Dakota Conflict and residents quickly rebuilt. Today New Ulm is home to a rich German heritage and is home to a population of 13,048 residents.

SLEEPY EYE

Sleepy Eye is named Sleepy Eye Lake which is located on the North and West side of the town. Sleepy Eye Lake was name after a chief of a band of Sioux Indians named "ISH-TAK-HA-BA" or Chief Sleepy Eye. Sleepy Eye was settled in the early 1860's and was established in 1872. Early industry from the flour mill in Sleepy Eye drew in larger populations. Today Sleepy Eye is home to approximately 3,342 residents.

Brown County Communities

SPRINGFIELD

Springfield was settled in 1869 by predominantly Scandinavian, Irish and German immigrants. The original name of the settlement was Burns after railroads expanded and brought in new settlers. It was incorporated in 1881 and changed its name to Springfield because of a natural flowing spring that is located within the city. Today Springfield is home to approximately 2,148 residents.



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Watonwan County was named after the Watonwan River derived from the Dakota word watanwan meaning “where fish bait bounds.” The river flows east through the northern section of the county. It was established in 1860 and had a population of 11,496 in 1900. Today Watonwan County has a population of approximately 10,896 people.

Watonwan County Communities

CITIES:

BUTTERFIELD – pop. 503
DARFUR – pop. 121
LA SALLE – pop. 83
LEWISVILLE – pop. 253
MADELIA – pop. 2,144
ODIN – pop. 115
ORMSBY – pop. 136
ST. JAMES – pop. 4,281

TOWNSHIPS:

ADRIAN – pop. 160
ANTRIM – pop. 267
BUTTERFIELD – pop. 271
FIELDON – pop. 228
LONG LAKE – pop. 317
MADELIA – pop. 356
NELSON – pop. 283
ODIN – pop. 190
RIVERDALE – pop. 312
ROSENDALE – pop. 343
ST. JAMES – pop. 68
SOUTH BRANCH – pop. 279
**Populations are approximate.*

MADELIA

Madelia was originally named Wapaca when it was established on September 10, 1857. Its name was changed in memory of the daughter of one of the founding fathers, Philander Hartshorn. Madelia is home to the place of capture of the Younger Brothers, who were both members of the Jesse James gang. Both men were captured after the famous Northfield bank robbery. Madelia currently is home to approximately 2,144 residents.

ST. JAMES (COUNTY SEAT)

St. James the county seat of Watonwan County, was named by the president of the railroad E.F. Drake and future Governor of Minnesota Henry Hastings Sibley in 1867. It was built up after the railroad was extended 22 miles from Lake Crystal to its current location. Today St. James boasts a population of approximately 4,428 residents.

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SLEEPY EYE, MN 56085
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DNR License Centers

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- ♻️ Bring your own reusable shopping bags with you to the supermarket or the mall.
- ♻️ Donate your unwanted clothing to a local charity.
- ♻️ Recycle your used ink and toner cartridges. Most office supply stores accept used cartridges.
- ♻️ Recycling your used batteries prevents poisonous mercury from seeping into our water supplies and soil. Switch to rechargeable ones.
- ♻️ Switch to unbleached toilet paper, paper towels and coffee filters. Avoiding bleached products can help preserve the quality of our water supply and soil.
- ♻️ Unplug any unused appliances, especially if you're not going to be home. Your cellphone charger uses electricity, even when you're phone isn't charging.
- ♻️ Bring your own lunch. You'll avoid using non-recycleable styrofoam to-go containers and unnecessary throw-away packaging.
- ♻️ Start a compost bin in your yard. There are even ones that you can store under your kitchen sink.
- ♻️ Repurpose old items. Use old cd's as coasters, or empty yogurt containers to organize nuts and bolts.
- ♻️ Be crafty. Let old items be an inspiration for a craft project. Punch holes in tin cans to make candle luminaries or cut "yarn" strips out of plastic shopping bags to knit or crochet into new, reusable bags.
- ♻️ Have a green-cleaning product party. Invite your friends over to make enough vinegar-based homemade cleaners to share.
- ♻️ Run your washer/dryer/dishwasher after 5pm. This is when less electricity is being used, especially in larger cities. In air-conditioned summer months this can help prevent black-outs.



Parks & Recreation

FLANDREAU STATE PARK

(507) 233-9800 | New Ulm

Located in New Ulm, Flandreau State Park, features a swimming beach, fishing opportunities, picnic areas, a sand volleyball pit and hiking trails.

LAKE HANSKA COUNTY PARK

(507) 439-6411 | Hanska

Located in Hanska, Lake Hanska County Park features a campground, picnic areas, a swimming beach, fishing pier and is open year round.

MARTI LANDING

(507) 439-6411 | New Ulm

Located near New Ulm, Marti Landing offers DNR public access to the Cottonwood River as well as fishing opportunities.

MOUND CREEK COUNTY PARK

(507) 233-6640 | Springfield

Located on 316 acres in Springfield, Mound Creek Park features a 9 hole disc golf course, scenic river trail, boat launch, fishing opportunities, and a picnic area.

THEDENS LANDING

(507) 439-6411 | New Ulm

Located near New Ulm, Thedens Landing offers a boat launch and fishing opportunities on the Cottonwood River.

TREML COUNTY PARK

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Local Area Attractions

BROWN COUNTY:

Brown County Historical Society

478th Avenue | New Ulm
(507) 947-3547

Morgan Creek Vineyards and Winery

221 North Minnesota Street | New Ulm
(507) 359-2071

Springfield Community Center

33 South Cass Avenue | Springfield
(507) 359-2071

Putting Green Park

PO Box 91 | New Ulm
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New Ulm Civic Center

1212 North Franklin Street | New Ulm
(507) 233-8400

Sleepy Eye Depot Museum

100 Oak Street Northwest | Sleepy Eye
(507) 794-3731

Carmike 3

1 North German Street | New Ulm
(507) 354-201

WANTONWAN COUNTY:

St James Community Center

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Truman Historical Association Museum

109 West Ciro Street | Truman
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2012-13 Minnesota Vikings Schedule

REGULAR SEASON

Sunday	09/09	vs. Jacksonville Jaguars	12:00 p.m.	CBS
Sunday	09/16	@ Indianapolis Colts	12:00 p.m.	FOX
Sunday	09/23	vs. San Francisco 49ers	12:00 p.m.	FOX
Sunday	09/30	@ Detroit Lions	12:00 p.m.	FOX
Sunday	10/07	vs. Tennessee Titans	12:00 p.m.	CBS
Sunday	10/14	@ Washington Redskins	3:15 p.m.	FOX
Sunday	10/21	vs. Arizona Cardinals	12:00 p.m.	FOX
Thursday	10/25	vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	7:20 p.m.	NFLN
Sunday	11/04	@ Seattle Seahawks	3:15 p.m.	FOX
Sunday	11/11	vs. Detroit Lions	12:00 p.m.	FOX
Sunday	11/25	@ Chicago Bears	12:00 p.m.	FOX
Sunday	12/02	@ Green Bay Packers	12:00 p.m.	FOX
Sunday	12/09	vs. Chicago Bears	12:00 p.m.	FOX
Sunday	12/16	@ St. Louis Rams	12:00 p.m.	FOX
Sunday	12/23	@ Houston Texans	12:00 p.m.	FOX
Sunday	12/30	vs. Green Bay Packers	12:00 p.m.	FOX

**Dates and start times are subject to change.*

2012 Minnesota Hunting Seasons

For general information on firearm safety training call: 1 (888) 646-6367 or (651) 296-6157.

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HUNTING

RABBIT & SQUIRREL

09/17/11 - 02/29/12; 09/15/12 - 02/28/13

GRAY & RED FOX, BADGER, OPOSSUM & RACCOON

(North) 10/15/11 - 03/15/12; 10/20/12 - 03/15/13
(South) 10/22/11 - 03/15/12; 10/20/12 - 03/15/13

GOOSE

(Spring Light Goose) 03/01/12 - 04/30/12
(Early Canada Goose)

CROW

03/01/12 - 03/31/12; 07/15/12 - 10/15/12

BEAR

09/01/12 - 10/14/12

MOURNING DOVE

09/01/12 - 10/30/12

SNIPE & RAIL

09/01/12 - 11/05/12

DEER

(Archery) 09/15/12 - 12/31/12
(Youth) 10/18/12 - 10/21/12
(Camp Ripley Archery) 10/18/12 - 10/19/12
(Antlerless) 10/20/12 - 10/21/12
(Firearm 2A & 3A) 10/03/12 - 11/11/12
(Firearm 1A) 11/03/12 - 11/18/12
(Firearm 3B) 11/17/12 - 11/25/12
(Muzzleloader) 11/24/12 - 12/09/12

SHARPTAILED GROUSE

09/15/12 - 11/30/12

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GROUSE & PARTRIDGE

09/15/12 - 01/01/13

WOODCOCK

09/22/12 - 11/05/12

MOOSE

(Northeast Zone) 09/29/12 - 10/14/12

TURKEY

09/29/12 - 10/28/12

PHEASANT

10/13/12 - 01/01/13

PRAIRIE CHICKEN

10/20/12 - 10/24/12

FISHER & PINE MARTEN

11/24/12 - 12/02/12

FURBEARER TRAPPING

BEAVER

(North) 10/22/11 - 04/30/12; 10/27/12 - 04/30/13
(South) 10/29/11 - 04/30/12; 10/27/12 - 04/30/13

MINK & MUSKRAT

(North) 10/22/11 - 02/29/12; 10/27/12 - 04/30/13
(South) 10/29/11 - 02/29/12; 10/27/12 - 02/28/13

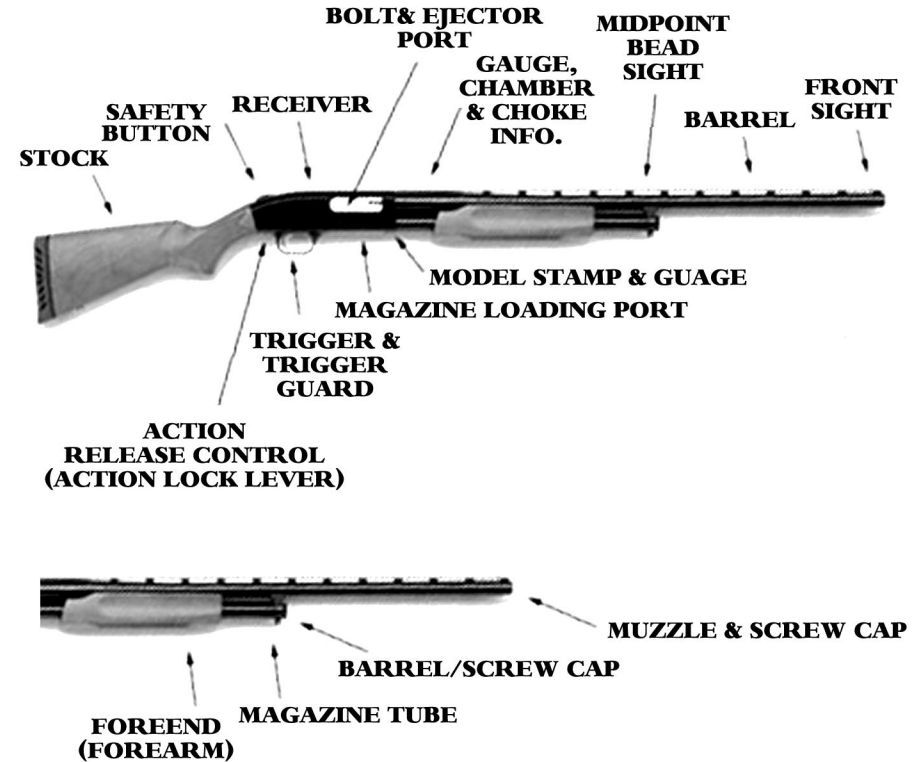
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(North Zone) 10/27/12 - 01/05/13

BOBCAT

11/24/12 - 01/05/13

Hunting Safety



All hunters should consider taking an advanced hunter education class to learn the latest hunting techniques along with tips on coming home alive.

Here are five suggestions for a safe and successful hunting experience:

1. Get a detailed map of the area you are hunting, review it before you leave, and carry it with you in the field.
2. Carry a compass and know how to use it. Decide ahead of time the direction to head for if you get lost or disoriented.
3. Weather can change quickly in Minnesota, so hunters should carry a simple survival kit and be prepared for an unexpected overnight stay in the field. The survival kit should contain a rope, a knife, water, waterproof matches, an emergency shelter, and first aid supplies.
4. If you are on the water, make sure to wear a personal flotation device (life preserver).
5. Know your hunting partners' physical and emotional limitations, as well as your own, and don't push your partners or yourself beyond those limits.

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2012 Minnesota Fishing Seasons

BOWFISHING

05/01/11 - 02/26/12; 05/01/12 - 02/24/13

WALLEYE, SAUGER & NORTHERN PIKE

05/14/11 - 02/26/12; 05/12/12 - 02/24/13

LARGEMOUTH BASS*

05/14/11 - 02/26/12; 05/12/12 - 02/24/13

SMALLMOUTH BASS*

(Catch & Release) 09/12/11 - 02/26/12

05/14/11 - 02/26/12; 05/12/12 - 02/24/13

LAKE TROUT*

(BWCA) 12/31/11 - 03/31/12

(Outside BWCA) 01/14/12 - 03/31/12

05/12/12 - 09/30/12

STREAM TROUT*

(Southeast) 01/01/12 - 03/31/12; 04/01/12 - 01/13/12

(Catch & Release) 01/14/12 - 03/31/12

(All Lakes) 01/14/12 - 03/31/12; 05/12/12 - 10/31/12

MUSKELLUNGE

06/02/12 - 12/01/12

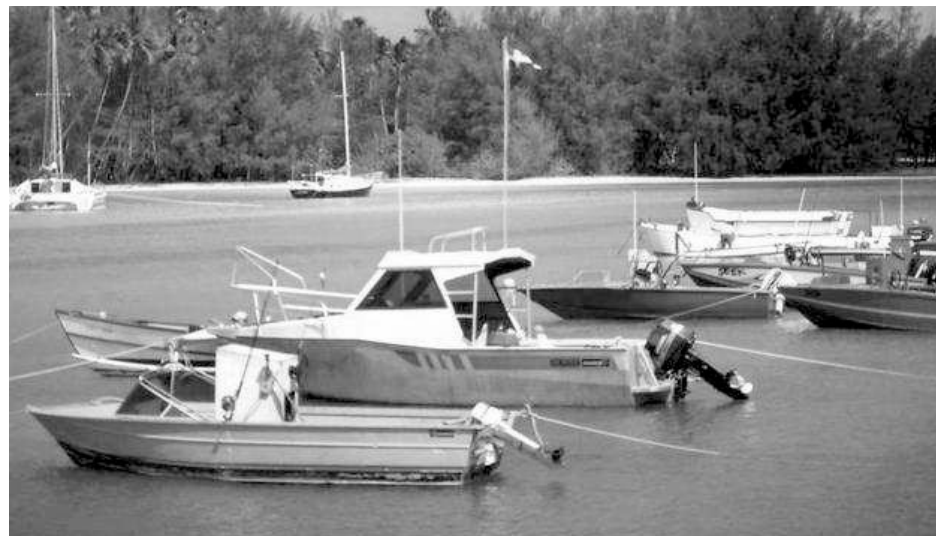
TAKE-A-MOM FISHING WEEKEND

05/12/12 - 05/13/12

TAKE-A-KID FISHING WEEKEND

06/08/12 - 06/10/12

**Contact the MN DNR for specific zone information by calling: 1 (888) 665-4236.*



Boating Safety

Operating Watercraft

Follow these guidelines to help prevent and prepare for capsizing, swamping, or someone falling overboard.

Make sure that you and your passengers are wearing life jackets while the boat is moving.

Attach the ignition safety lanyard to your wrist, clothes, or life jacket.

Don't allow anyone to sit on the gunwale, bow, seat backs, motor cover, or areas not designed for seating. Also, don't let anyone sit on pedestal seats when craft is not in idle.

Don't overload your boat. Balance the load of passengers and gear stored on-board.

Keep your center of gravity low by not allowing people to stand up or move around while craft is in motion.













In small boats, don't allow anyone to lean beyond the gunwale.

Turn boat at slow rates of speed.

Secure the anchor line to the bow, never to the stern.

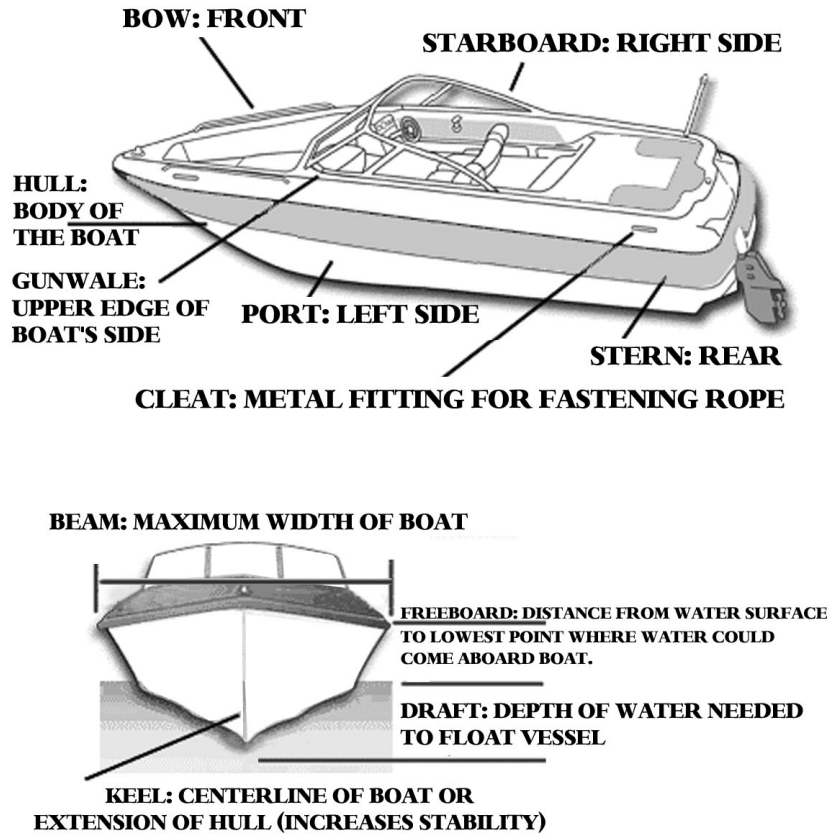
Don't risk operating water craft in rough conditions or bad weather.

Common Fish Species

 Bass	 Crappie	 Smelt
 Catfish	 Muskellunge	 Sunfish
 Carp	 Northern Pike	 Trout
 Cisco-Tullibee-Herring	 Salmon	 Walleye

Boating Safety

Know Your Craft



Who May Operate a Motorboat (Other Than a Personal Watercraft)

For engines 25 horsepower or less:

Those under age 12 may operate without restrictions.

For engines over 25 horsepower through 75 horsepower:

Those under age 12 must have someone 21 years of age or older on board within reach of the controls.

For engines over 75 horsepower:

No children under age 12 may operate, even with an adult on board.

Other restrictions apply to boat operators 12 to 17 years old:

Operators from 12 to 17 years of age may operate engines of 25 horsepower or lower with no restrictions.

For engines over 25 horsepower:

Operators 12 to 17 years of age must have:

A watercraft operator's permit, or someone age 21 years or older on board within reach of the controls.

Boating Safety

Flotation Devices



Offshore Life Jackets - Type 1:

For rough or remote waters where rescue may take awhile. Provide the most buoyancy, excellent for flotation, turns most unconscious persons face up in the water.



Near-Shore Vests - Type 2:

Good for calm waters when quick assistance or rescue is likely. Turns some unconscious wearers face up in the water, but not as efficiently as offshore life jackets.



Flotation Aids - Type 3:

Vests or full-sleeved jackets good for calm waters when quick assistance is likely. Not for rough waters. They will not turn most unconscious persons face up. Used for sports, such as water-skiing. Some inflate in water.



Unwearable / Throwable Devices - Type 4:

Cushions and ring buoys designed to be thrown to someone in trouble. Type 4 is not designed to be worn. Not for rough waters - not for anyone unable to hold on to it.



Special Use - Type 5:

Vests, hybrids/others designed for specific activities, for example windsurfing, kayaking, water-skiing. Some Type 5 devices inflate when entering the water. To be acceptable, Type 5 must be used in compliance with their label instructions.

All watercraft must have at least one Coast Guard Approved Type 1, 2, 3 or 5 flotation device that is the proper size for each person on board or being towed.

All devices must be in good condition and easily accessible.

Children under age 10 must wear a device when on board a boat that is underway unless: in an enclosed cabin or below deck or on an anchored boat that is being used for swimming or diving or passenger craft with a licensed captain.

Along with the above at least one approved Type 4 must be on board boats 16 ft. or longer (except canoes and kayaks) and immediately available.

A Coast Guard approved Type 5 device may be substituted for any other Coast Guard approved device if it meets the same requirements and is noted on the label.

Anyone riding a jet ski or other Personal Water Craft must wear an approved -non inflating flotation device, as well as anyone being towed by a water craft.

ATV Safety

- Read the owner's manual and know your vehicle thoroughly.
- Check your vehicle before you ride.
- Wear protective equipment and clothing.
- Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders.
- Supervise young or inexperienced riders.
- Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider.
- Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions.
- Stay to the right on trails.
- Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands
- Know the weather forecast.
- Make sure headlights and taillights work properly.
- Maintain safe distances between other riders.
- Reduce your speed when riding at night.
- Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users.
- Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.



Why Should You Shop Locally?

More money circulates throughout your community.

Locally-owned businesses are more likely to purchase from other local businesses, farms and service providers.

Charitable organizations receive more support.

Local businesses often donate more to local charities than non-local businesses.

Protects the character of your community.

Your community is defined in part by the businesses that are located there and is what attracts new residents.

Promotes sustainability and reduces environmental impact.

Locally-owned businesses make more local purchases, reducing resource depletion, pollution and congestion.

Provides new jobs and stimulates the local economy.

Locally-owned businesses supply the largest amount of jobs throughout the nation.

Provides better customer service.

Locally-owned businesses invest more in their employees and often hire those with more expertise.

Local owners are more invested in your community.

They live in your community, are less likely to leave and are more invested in your community.

Tax dollars are put to good use.

Locally-owned businesses add more to your community's tax base.

Ensures innovation, low prices and consumer competition.

Competing locally-owned businesses provide lower prices and product development over the long-term.

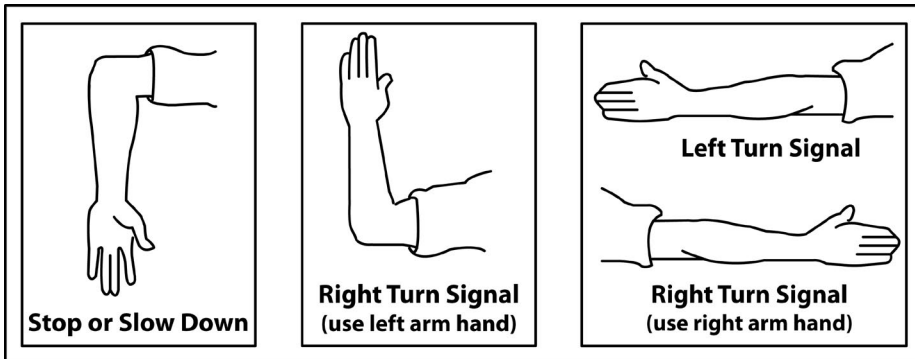
Investment in your community is encouraged.

You are more likely to remain and invest in a community with unique businesses and distinctive character.

Shop Local. Stay Local. Live Local.

Bicycle Safety

- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.



Snowmobile Safety

Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.

Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.

If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.

Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.

Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.

Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.

Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.

Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.

Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.

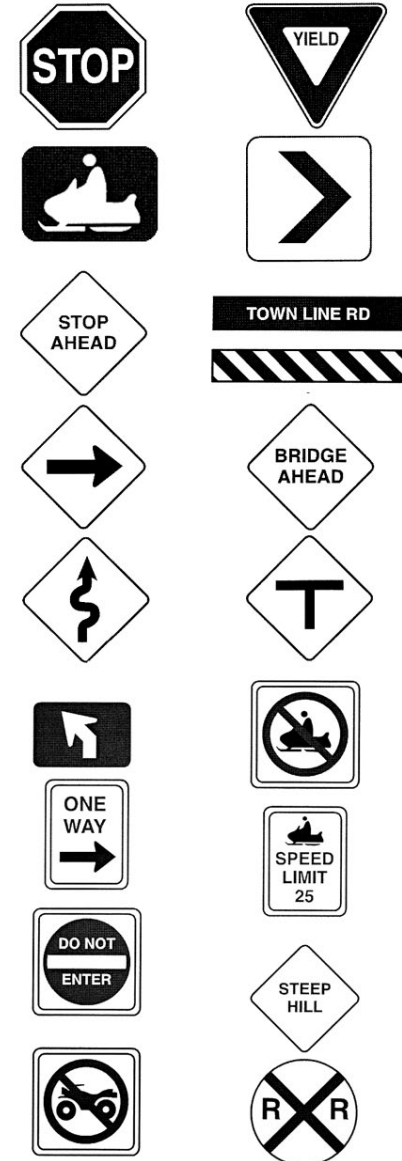
Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.

Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.

Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.

Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

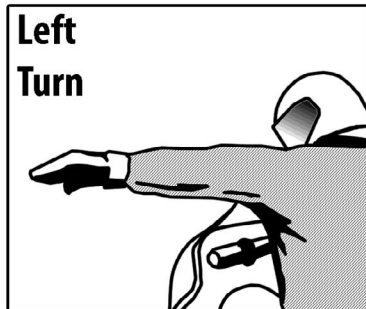
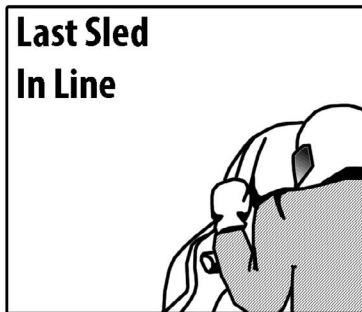
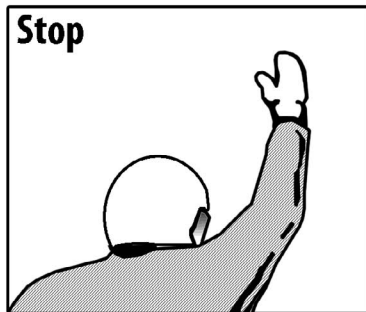
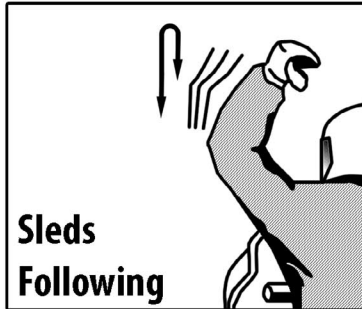
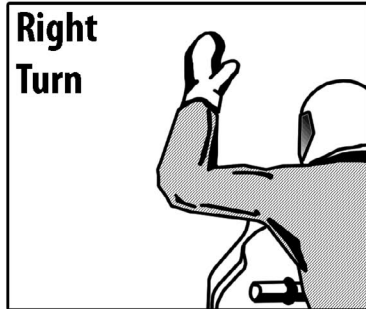
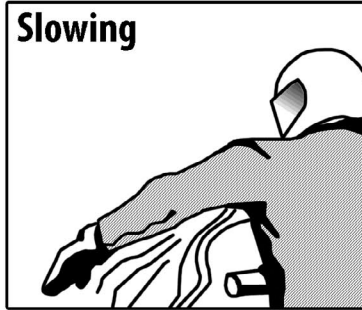
Common Trail Signs



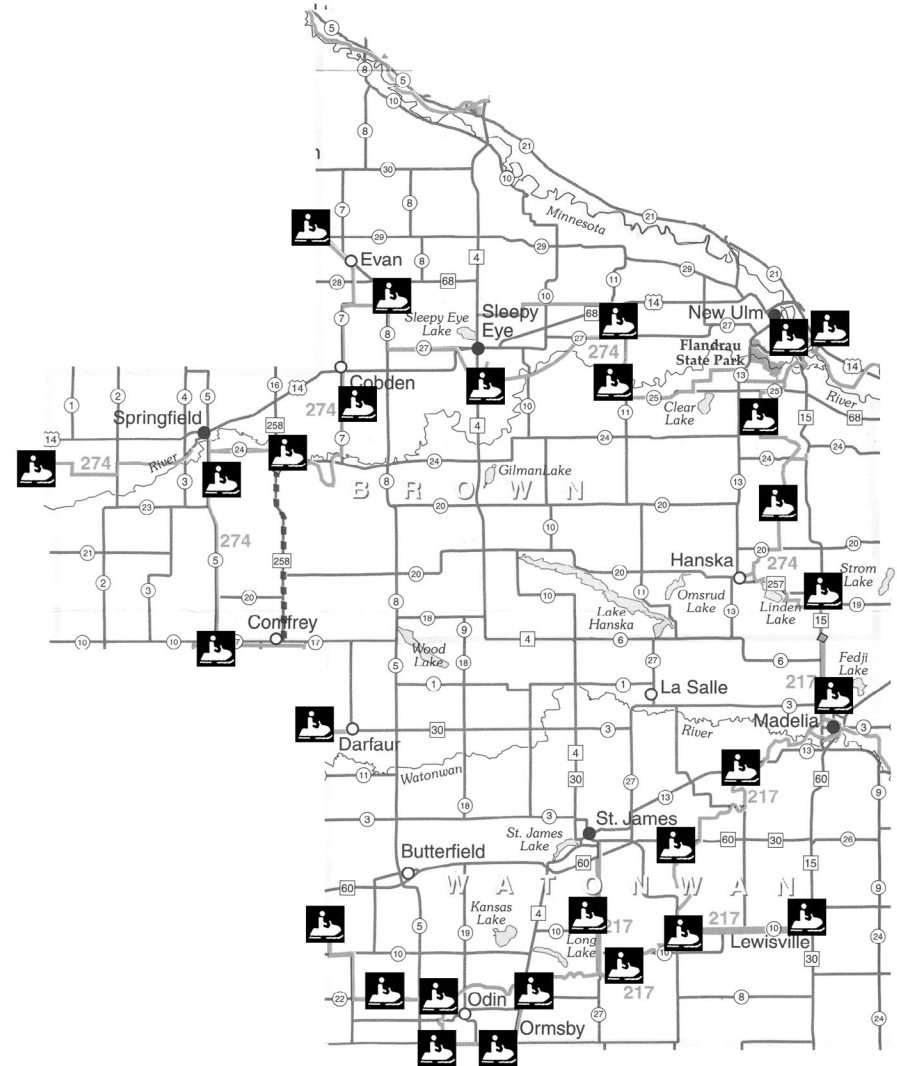
Snowmobile Safety

Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic.

Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.



Local Area Snowmobile Trails



Emergency Planning

ESCAPE ROUTES

Everyone in your family should know the best ways to exit the house in case of a disaster. Teach your young children how to open sliding doors, windows and other exits. Designate a meeting place where the family can gather after escaping from the house.

FLASHLIGHTS

The whole family needs to know where to find flashlights. Periodically check the batteries.

FULLY CHARGED CELL PHONES

All family members should keep their cell phones charged. Make a habit of charging them, while everyone is asleep. Cell phones can be lifesavers in emergencies.

LIST OF VALUABLES

Keep this document listing your possessions (and if possible, a video of your home interior) in a fireproof safe, or in a safe deposit box at a bank.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANS

Familiarize yourself with community evacuation plans and neighborhood escape routes. Post a copy of them in a highly visible place in your home.



THUNDERSTORM/TORNADO

- Remove dead branches from trees beforehand to avoid injury or damage.
- After seeing lightning, if you hear thunder in less than 30 seconds, it is recommended that you stay inside for 30 minutes after the thunder has ceased.
- The inside of a car is safer than the outside, as a lightning strike will simply pass through the car as long as you aren't in contact with any metal.
- Unplug all major appliances, as a power surge can cause serious damage.
- Avoid all tall structures and elevated areas as well as large amounts of metal.



FIRES

- Make sure that every level of your house has a smoke detector, and be sure to test them once a month. Have the family plan an emergency exit route.
- Always keep track of any stoves or high-temperature/high-voltage appliances that are running. Be sure to never leave any cooking unattended.
- Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- If a burn occurs, soak the skin in cool water. If the skin blisters, seek medical assistance.

⊕ Emergency First-Aid Tips ⊕

FIRST AID FOR CPR & HEART ATTACK

CPR

CPR is to be administered when a person is not breathing or has no pulse. Be quick to act by remembering the A,B,C's: Airway, Breathing & Circulation.

Airway:

Place the person on a firm surface, on their back. Kneel next to the person's neck and shoulders. Open the person's airway by tilting back the head and lifting the chin.

Breathing:

With the head tilted and chin lifted, pinch the nostrils shut and cover the person's mouth with yours. Give two slow breaths.

Circulation:

Find the hand position on the center of the breastbone. Place the heel of your hand on that position, with your other hand on top of the first hand. Use your upper body weight to push down. Give two compressions per second. Compress the chest at a rate equal to 100/minute. Perform 30 compressions at this rate. Repeat until an ambulance arrives.

HEART ATTACK

Symptoms of a heart attack may include any of the following:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness or squeezing pain in the center of the chest.
- Expanded pain in the upper abdomen.
- Shortness of breath.
- Pain or numbness in either arms, shoulders, neck, jaw or teeth.
- Dizziness or fainting.
- Nausea and sweating.

If you or someone else may be having a heart attack - follow these steps immediately:

- **DIAL 911**
- **Chew and swallow Aspirin (unless you are allergic/not allowed to)**
- **Take Nitroglycerin (only if prescribed)**
- **Begin CPR if the person is unconscious**

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

⊕ *Emergency First-Aid Tips* ⊕

FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

BURNS

For minor 1st and 2nd degree burns smaller than 3" in diameter: Cool the Burn. Run cool water over the burned area for 5 minutes, or until the pain diminishes. Never put ice on a burn!

Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:

It is important to use loosely wrapped gauze. This will avoid pressure and the bandage protects blisters. NEVER put lotions, vaseline, ointments or butter on burn. Do not break any blisters, which can cause infection.

Take Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Naproxen or Acetaminophen to relieve pain:

Minor burns usually heal with these basic treatments. Be aware for signs of infection which may include: increased pain, redness, fever, swelling or oozing. If symptoms develop, seek medical help. Avoid tanning the burned area for at least a year. Protect the area with sunscreen outdoors. Avoid giving aspirin to children.

For 3rd degree burns/all major burns - DIAL 911

DO NOT run cold water over large severe burns - this can cause shock.

DO NOT remove burnt clothing.

Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.

If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR.

Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible.

Cover the burn(s) with cool, sterile, moist bandages, towels or cloth.

CHOKING

Most people clutch at their throats when choking, an obvious symbol for help. However, if a person isn't giving that signal, be alert for these indications. Inability to talk, difficulty breathing or noisy breathing, inability to cough forcefully, skin/lips/nails turning blue, loss of consciousness.

The Red Cross recommends a "five-and-five" method for first aid: First give five blows between the person's shoulders with the heel of your hand. Second, perform the Heimlich maneuver (abdominal thrusts) five times. Alternate between five back blows and five abdominal thrusts until the blockage is dislodged.

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

⊕ *Emergency First-Aid Tips* ⊕

FIRST AID FOR INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS & POISON SAFETY

INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction from insect bites (latex, food and drug allergies can also cause Anaphylaxis). Typical symptoms include hives, the swelling of lips or eyes, swollen throat, drop in blood pressure, light headedness, confusion, nausea or diarrhea. If someone is having an allergic reaction from an insect bite with these symptoms:

CALL 911.

Administer emergency prescription medication. See if the person is carrying special emergency allergy medicine and give it to them according to the directions.

Loosen tight clothing.

Lay the person down. The person should lay down on their back with feet elevated. Turn them on their side if they are vomiting or bleeding from their mouth to prevent them from choking.

If they are not breathing - administer CPR. Most insect bite reactions are mild and cause no allergic reaction. If stung by a bee, use a straight edged object, like a credit card, to scrape away the stinger. Don't use tweezers - they can pinch more venom out of the stinger. Apply an ice pack to the area and take an over the counter pain reliever.

POISON PREVENTION

Teach your children about poison and how it can look like a food or drink. They should always ask an adult before eating or drinking anything. Have them learn the poison control phone number: 1-800-222-1222 and keep it programmed or posted near all your phones. Here are some prevention tips.

Lock up your poisons and medications. Keep them out of the reach of children, lock them up if possible. Make sure your children understand that medicine is not candy.

Follow directions carefully. Read your labels. Be sure to use and store all poisons and medications properly according to recommendations.

Keep your pets safe from household chemicals, too. Don't allow pets near areas that have just been cleaned with chemicals, such as freshly mopped floors or bleached bathtubs and sinks. Clean up any antifreeze/coolant spills. Pets like the flavor but they can die if they ingest it. Store poisonous foods or plants in areas that your pets cannot access. Call your local emergency veterinary hospital if you believe your pet has been poisoned.

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

Safety Tips for Parents & For Kids

PARENTS:

- Teach your kids that an emergency is when you need help from a doctor, a police officer or a firefighter.
- Designate a safe place by your house that a child can go to if they need help right away.
- Have your kids memorize your address and phone numbers. They should also know your full name and where you work.

KIDS:

FIRE SAFETY

- If you or someone else is on fire - remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL. Wrap a blanket on the person to help put out the fire.
- If there is a fire, leave the house as fast as you can! Crawl on the floor to avoid smoke and if the door is hot, don't open it - find another way out.
- Learn all the fire exits in your house. Assign a safe place outside for everyone to meet in case of a fire emergency.

HOME ALONE

- Never tell anyone that you are home alone.
- If someone calls and ask for your mom and dad, tell them "They cannot come to the phone right now, can you please call back later?"
- Do not answer the door, unless it is someone that you know your parents have okay'd them to come over.

Emergency Numbers For Kids

KEEP A COPY OF THIS LIST NEAR EACH PHONE IN YOUR HOUSE

MY ADDRESS: _____

MY PHONE NUMBER: _____

MOM AT WORK: _____

MOM CELL PHONE: _____

DAD AT WORK: _____

DAD CELL PHONE: _____

NEIGHBOR: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

POISON CONTROL: 1-800-222-1222

EMERGENCY DIAL

911

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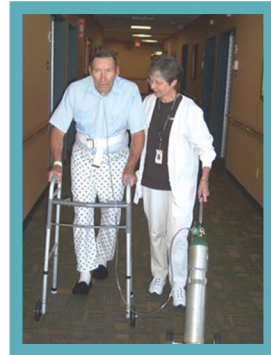
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