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## Local Area Events

#### JANUARY

Winter Blast | Prior Lake

#### **FEBRUARY**

Prior Lake Ice Golf Event Belle Plaine Awards Night Skate the Lakes | Prior Lake Special Olympics Polar Plunge | Prior Lake

#### MARCH

River Valley YMCA Community Rally Day | Prior Lake

#### APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt | Belle Plaine New Praque Fireman's Dance

#### MAY

New Prague Half Marathon Friday Night Roll In | Prior Lake

#### JUNE

Dan Patch Days | Savage Jordan Pork in the Park Jordan Art Festival Elko New Market Fire/Rescue Days Belle Plaine Golf Tournament Lakefront Days | Prior Lake

#### JULY

Fireworks Over Prior Lake
Bar-B-Q Days | Belle Plaine
Parish Festival | Cedar Lake Township
Scott County Fair | Jordan
Julifest | Shakopee
Prior Lake Boat Parade
Shakopee Derby Days Celebration
Taste of Shakopee

#### AUGUST

Derby Days | Shakopee Lakefront Days | Prior Lake Old Time Steam & Gas Engine Festival | New Prague Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Pow Wow

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Heimatfest | Jordan Parish Festival | Belle Plaine Dozinky Celebration | New Prague Jordan Car Cruise & Dance Czech Harvest Festival | New Prague

#### **OCTOBER**

Celebrate Women Event | Belle Plaine Wedinger Brothers | New Prague Ghost Walk | Jordan Halloween Tea Party | Shakopee Old Fashioned Trick-or-Treat | Shakopee Ar-B00-retum Halloween Event | Shakopee

#### **NOVEMBER**

Prior Lake Holiday Kickoff Autumn Festival | Shakopee Annual Remembrance Day | Shakopee

#### **DECEMBER**

Holiday Tree Lighting | Belle Plaine Holiday Express | Belle Plaine Parade of Lights & Skate with Santa | New Prague Making Spirits Bright Holiday Event | Shakopee Folkways of the Holidays | Shakopee

## Scott County Resident Services

Administration	(952) 445-7750
Assessor	496-8167
Attorney	496-8240
Auditor	496-8167
Community Corrections	496-8260
Community Development	496-8475
Community Services	445-7751
Customer Service	496-8150
Court Administration	422-7350
Elections	496-8560
Emergency	911
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Information Technology	496-8113
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Parks Department	496-8475
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Public Health	496-8555
Public Works	496-8346
Recorder	496-8150
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## Scott County History (Shakopee, County Seat)

Scott County is named in honor of General Winfield Scott and was established in 1853. Originally home to Indians, Scott County was settled in the 1850s. Farms and communities were quickly founded and the area began to grow. Indian trails and ox cart trails became roads and the Minnesota River provided necessary transportation of goods. Agriculture dominated early industry and wheat became the principal crop. Corn and potato production increased and there was a growing interest in dairy cattle, oxen and swine. In the late 1870s Scott County was a major flax producer. Flour mills, breweries, creameries, brickyards and specialty shops were established and the area continued to develop. Scott County has grown dramatically from a population of 15,147 in 1900 to now over approximately 131,939 residents.

## **Scott County Communities**

CITIES:

**BELLE PLAINE** – pop. 6,865

**ELKO NEW MARKET** – pop. 3,943

**JORDAN** – pop. 5,528

**NEW PRAGUE** – *pop. 6,812* 

**PRIOR LAKE** – *pop. 25,220* 

**SAVAGE** – *pop. 28,335* 

**SHAKOPEE (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 34,662

**TOWNSHIPS:** 

**BELLE PLAINE** – pop. 1,262

BLAKELEY - pop. 824

**CEDAR LAKE** – *pop. 2,983* 

**CREDIT RIVER** – pop. 5,368

**HELENA** – *pop. 1,978* 

**JACKSON** – *pop.* 1,572

**LOUISVILLE** – *pop.* 1,722

**NEW MARKET** – *pop. 3,787* 

**SAND CREEK** – pop. 1,750

**SPRING LAKE** – *pop. 3,738* 

ST. LAWRENCE – pop. 679

\*Populations are approximate.

#### **BELLE PLAINE**

Once home to fur traders, Belle Plaine was settled in 1853 by Judge Andrew Gould Chatfield. He purchased land and platted the town with Major Robert H. Rose and William H. Smith. Belle Plaine, French for beautiful prairie, began to grow and soon was a paddleboat stop along the Minnesota River. By 1900 a grist mill, foundry, sawmills, breweries and brick yards were thriving. Today Belle Plaine is home to approximately 6,865 residents.

#### **ELKO NEW MARKET**

The newest community in Scott County, Elko New Market began as two separate communities, Elko and New Market. Settled in 1858, Elko began as a railway village and New Market was first known as Jackson. The two communities existed independently until they were merged in 2007 by an election. It is widely known for the Elko Speedway, attracting thousands of visitors each year. Today Elko New Market is home to approximately 3,943 residents.

#### **JORDAN**

In 1853 Mr. and Mrs. William Holmes arrived to the Jordan area to establish a sawmill. Settlement began and by 1860, Jordan was home to a post office, hotel, tavern, school, churches and mills. Biblically named after the River Jordan, the community was incorporated in 1891. With two railroad lines passing through the community, Jordan began to flourish and a variety of general stores and specialty shops were founded. Today Jordan is home to approximately 5,528 residents.

## **Scott County Communities**

#### **NEW PRAGUE**

Under Bishop Joseph Cretin's advice, Anton Phillipp arrived to the New Prague area in 1856 and built a cabin. Settlers began to arrive and New Prague was incorporated in 1877, named in honor of Prague, Czech Republic and the area's bohemian roots. By 1875 a mill was constructed and industry was agricultural based. A cooperative creamery was established in 1912 and a cooperative oil company followed in 1925. Industry began to diversify and New Prague continued to grow. Today New Prague is home to approximately 6,812 residents.

#### PRIOR LAKE

Once known as Spring Lake, Prior Lake was settled in 1852 by William H. Calkins. Calkins claimed land and built a grist mill with the intention of platting a town. The community grew slowly until the arrival of the railroad in 1872 and Spring Lake was renamed Prior Lake in honor of Charles H. Prior, a local landowner and railroad worker. Feed mills, flour mills, general stores, saloons and specialty shops were booming by 1890 and the agricultural community became a resort haven for Twin Cities citizens. Today Prior Lake is home to approximately 25,220 residents.

#### **SAVAGE**

Savage began as a trading post in 1852 named Hamilton. Settlers arrived and a post office was established with the arrival of the railroad in 1865. In 1902 Marion Willis Savage, a prominent Minneapolis business owner purchased a racehorse by the name of Dan Patch and built a racetrack on the outskirts of Hamilton. Due to heavy promotion, the residents of Hamilton grew to adore Savage and his horse. The community was renamed in his honor and the town quickly grew. Today Savage is home to approximately 28,335 residents.

#### **SHAKOPEE (COUNTY SEAT)**

Shakopee, named after Chief Shakopee, was once home to Indians. It began as an Indian village called Tinta Ottenwe or "village of the prairie." As fur trading posts were established in 1844, settlers began to arrive and Shakopee was platted in 1854 by Thomas A. Holmes. Incorporation followed in 1857 and the community was voted as the county seat. Due to its proximity to the Minnesota River, Shakopee became a bustling trade center and businesses began to thrive. As the railroad arrived in 1865, Shakopee continued to grow. By 1900 general stores, mills, schools, churches, breweries and a water bottling plant were booming. As roads became highways, Shakopee continued to develop and now is home to approximately 34,662 residents.



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#### **CANTERBURY PARK RACETRACK & CARD CLUB**

1100 Canterbury Rd. | Shakopee | (952) 445-7223

#### CEDAR LAKE FARM

400 W 260th St. | New Prague | (952) 758-8640

#### **CROFUT FAMILY WINERY**

21646 S Langford Ave. | Jordan | (952) 492-3227

#### **ELKO SPEEDWAY**

26350 France Ave. | Elko New Market | (952) 461-7223

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#### THE LANDING

2187 E Hwy. 101 | Shakopee | (763) 694-7784

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#### MN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

1244 S Canterbury Rd. #306 | Shakopee | (800) 966-8215

#### **MYSTIC LAKE CASINO & HOTEL**

2400 Mystic Lake Blvd. | Prior Lake | (952) 445-9000

#### RACEWAY PARK

1 Checkered Flag Blvd. | Shakopee | (952) 445-2257

#### **SANDVENTURE AQUATIC PARK**

1101 Adams St. | Shakopee | (952) 233-3840

#### SCOTT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & STANS MUSEUM

235 S Fuller St. | Shakopee | (952) 445-0378

#### SEVER'S CORN MAZE

1100 Canterbury Rd. | Shakopee | (952) 974-5000

#### TRIPLE PLAY SPORTS

5832 SE Industrial Ln. | Prior Lake | (952) 440-3330

#### **VALLEYFAIR AMUSEMENT PARK**

1 Valleyfair Dr. | Shakopee | (952) 445-6500



## Parks & Recreation

#### **CEDAR LAKE FARM REGIONAL PARK**

New Prague | (952) 758-5253 Located on 300 acres, Cedar

Located on 300 acres, Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park, formerly Cedar Lake Farm and Day Resort, features a swimming beach, fishing opportunities, and a picnic area.

#### **CLEARY LAKE REGIONAL PARK**

Prior Lake | (763) 694-7777

Located on 1,186 acres, Cleary Lake Regional Park features a campground, nine hole golf course, off-leash dog area, swimming beach, four miles of cross-country ski trails, fishing and geocaching opportunities, and a picnic area.

#### **MURPHY-HANREHAN REGIONAL PARK**

Savage | (763) 694-7777

Located on 2,786 acres, Murphy-Hanrehan Regional Park features cross-country ski trails, fishing and birdwatching opportunities, and a picnic area.

#### THE LANDING

Shakopee | (763) 694-7784

Located on 88 acres, the Landing (formerly Historic Murphy's Landing) features a living history museum with authentic 19th century buildings, scenic river trail, educational opportunities, and a picnic area.

#### **DOYLE KENNEFICK REGIONAL PARK**

Jordan | (952) 496-8475

Located on 490 acres, Doyle Kennefick Regional Park is currently undeveloped. Upon completion it will feature cross-country ski trails, fishing and geocaching opportunities, and a picnic area.

#### **SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK**

Prior Lake | (952) 496-8475

Located on 354 acres, Spring Lake Regional Park is currently undeveloped. Upon completion it will feature cross-country ski trails, fishing and geocaching opportunities, and a picnic area.



## **DNR License Centers**

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System. Online: www.dnr.state.mn.us, Toll-Free: (888) 665-4236 or visit one of the ELS agents available throughout Scott County:

#### **BELLE PLAINE**

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840 E Main St. | Belle Plaine | (952) 873-3344

#### SPARETIME TAVERN

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#### **PRIOR LAKE BAIT & TACKLE**

15760 S Hwy. 13 | Prior Lake | (952) 447-6096

#### **PRIOR LAKE LICENSE BUREAU**

14125 Commerce Ave. | Prior Lake | (952) 447-8817

#### **SAVAGE**

**HOLIDAY STATIONSTORE #330** 

7461 Egan Dr. | Savage | (952) 226-1951

#### **HOLIDAY STATIONSTORE #350**

12210 S Zinran Ave. | Savage | (952) 763-7556

#### **SHAKOPEE**

**HOLIDAY STATIONSTORE #83** 

444 E 1st Ave. | Shakopee | (952) 445-4450

#### **HOLIDAY STATIONSTORE #246**

12681 Chestnut Blvd. | Shakopee | (952) 445-2926

#### HOLIDAY STATIONSTORE #364

3109 Eagle Creek Blvd. | Shakopee | (952) 445-4813

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#### SPORT SHOP

101 S Lewis Ave. | Shakopee | (952) 445-5282

#### **WALMART SUPERCENTER #3513**

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## Minnesota Hunting Seasons

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

Contact the MN DNR for specific zone areas:

Online: www.dnr.state.mn.us, Toll Free: 1 (888) 665-4236.

**RABBIT & SQUIRREL** 

09/18/10 - 02/28/11; 09/17/11 - 02/28/12

**GRAY & RED FOX** 

10/23/10 - 03/15/11; 10/22/11 - 03/15/12

**BADGER, OPOSSUM & RACCOON** 

10/23/10 - 03/15/11; 10/22/11 - 03/15/12

**GOOSE** 

(Spring Light Goose) 03/01/11 - 04/30/11 (Early Canada Goose) 09/03/11 - 09/22/11

CROW

03/01/11 - 03/31/11; 07/15/11 - 10/15/11

BEAR

09/01/11 - 10/16/11

**MOURNING DOVE** 

09/01/11 - 10/30/11

**SNIPE & RAIL** 

09/01/11 - 11/07/11

DEER

(Archery) 09/17/11 - 12/31/11 (Camp Ripley Archery) 10/20/11 - 10/21/11; 10/29/11 - 10/30/11 (Firearm) 11/05/11 - 11/27/11 (Muzzleloader) 11/26/11 - 12/11/11

SHARPTAILED GROUSE

09/17/11 - 11/30/11

**GROUSE & GRAY PARTRIDGE** 

09/17/11 - 01/01/12

WOODCOCK

09/24/11 - 11/07/11

MOOSE

(Northeast Zone) 10/01/11 - 10/16/11

**TURKEY** 

10/01/11 - 10/30/11

**PHEASANT** 

10/15/11 - 01/01/12

**PRAIRIE CHICKEN** 

10/22/11 - 10/26/11

**PRAIRIE & PINE MARTEN** 

11/26/11 - 12/04/11

**BEAVER (FURBEARER TRAPPING)** 

(North Zone) 10/23/10 - 02/28/11; 10/22/11 - 04/30/12

(South Zone) 10/30/10 - 02/28/11;

10/29/11 - 04/30/12

MINK & MUSKRAT (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

(North Zone) 10/22/10 - 02/28/11;

10/22/11 - 04/30/12

(South Zone) 10/30/10 - 02/28/11;

10/29/11 - 02/28/12;

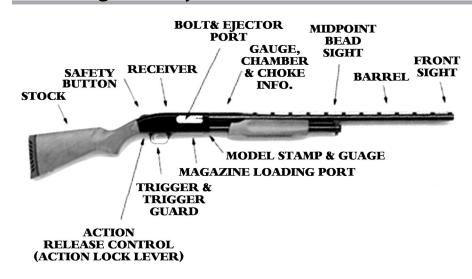
OTTER (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

(North Zone) 10/22/11 - 01/07/12

**BOBCAT (FURBEARER TRAPPING)** 

11/26/11 - 01/07/12

## **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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## Minnesota State Record Fish

Follow these steps if you catch a fish that you think could be a record:

- Weigh the fish on a state-certified scale (found at most bait shops and butcher shops), witnessed by two observers.
- Take the fish to a DNR fisheries office for positive identification and a state record fish application.
- Complete the state record submission form and send it along with a clear, full-length photo of your fish to the address listed on the form.

SPECIES	WEIGHT	LENGTH/GIRTH	WATERBODY	YEAR
	(lbs oz.)	(inches)		
Bass, Largemouth	8-15	23.5/18	Auburn Lake	2005
Bass, Rock (tie)	2-0	13.5/12.5	Osakis Lake	1998
	2-0	12.6/12.4	Lake Winnibigoshish	2004
Bass, Smallmouth	8-0	NA	West Battle Lake	1948
Bass, White	4-2.4	18.5/15.1	Mississippi River	2004
Bluegill	2-13	NA	Alice Lake	1948
Bowfin	11-4	35/20	St. Croix River	2008
Buffalo, Bigmouth	41-11	38.5/29.5	Mississippi River	1991
Buffalo, Black	205	34.2/20	Minnesota River	1997
Buffalo, Smallmouth	20-0	32/23.75	Big Sandy	2003
Bullhead, Black	3-13.12	17.17/14.96	Reno Lake	1997
Bullhead, Brown	7-1	24.4/NA	Shallow Lake	1974
Bullhead, Yellow	3-10.5	17.88/11.75	Osakis Lake	2002
Burbot	19-3	36.25/22.75	Lake of the Woods	2001
Carp	55-5	42/31	Clearwater Lake	1952
Carpsucker, River	3-15	19.5/14	Mississippi River	1991
Catfish, Channel	38-0	44/NA	Mississippi River	1975
Catfish, Flathead	70-0	NA	St. Croix River	1970
Crappie, Black	5-0	21/NA	Vermillion River	1940
Crappie, White	3-15	18/16	Lake Constance	2002
Drum, Freshwater	35-3.2	36/31	Mississippi River	1999
Eel, American	6-9	36/14	St. Croix River	1997
Gar, Longnose	16-12	53/16.5	St. Croix River	1982
Gar, Shortnose	4-9.6	34.6/10	Mississippi River	1984
Goldeye	2-13.1	20.1/11.5	Root River	2001
Hogsucker, Northern	1-15	14.25/7.13	Sunrise River	1982
Mooneye	1-15	16.5/9.75	Minnesota River	1980

## Minnesota State Record Fish

SPECIES	WEIGHT (lbs oz.)	LENGTH/GIRTH (inches)	WATERBODY	YEAR
Muskellunge	54-0	56/27.8	Lake Winnibigoshish	1957
Muskellunge, Tiger	34-12	51/22.5	Lake Elmo	1999
Perch, Yellow	3-4	NA	Lake Plantaganette	1945
Pike, Northern	45-12	NA	Basswood Lake	1929
Pumpkinseed	1-5.6	10.1/12.13	Leech Lake	1999
Quillback	6-14.4	23/18	Mississippi River	1991
Redhorse, Golden	3-15.5	20.13/12.38	Root River	2007
Redhorse Greater	12-11.5	28.5/18.5	Sauk River	2005
Redhorse, River	12-10	28.38/20	Kettle River	2005
Redhorse, Shorthead	7-15	27/15	Rum River	1983
Redhorse, Silver	9-15	26.6/16.88	Big Fork River	2004
Salmon, Atlantic	12-13	35.5/16.5	Baptism River	1991
Salmon, Chinook	33-4	44.75/25.75	Poplar River	1989
Salmon, Coho	10-6.5	27.3/NA	Lake Superior	1970
Salmon, Kokanee	2-15	20/11.5	Caribou Lake	1971
Salmon, Pink	4-8	23.5/13.2	Cascade River	1989
Sauger	6-2.75	23.88/15	Mississippi River	1988
Splake	13-5.44	33.5/19	Larson Lake	2001
Sturgeon, Lake	94-4	70/26.5	Kettle River	1994
Sturgeon, Shovelnose	5-9	36/11.88	Mississippi River	2007
Sucker, Blue	14-3	30.4/20.2	Mississippi River	1987
Sucker, Longnose	3-10.6	21/10.25	Brule River	2005
Sucker, White	9-1	24.25/16.25	Big Fish Lake	1983
Sunfish, Green	1-4.8	10.25/10.63	North Arbor Lake	2005
Sunfish, Hybrid	1-12	11.5/12	Zumbro River	1994
Trout, Brook	6-5.6	24/14.5	Pigeon River	2000
Trout, Brown	16-12	31.4/20.6	Lake Superior	1989
Trout, Lake	43-8	NA	Lake Superior	1955
Trout, Rainbow	16-6	33/19.5	Devil Track River	1980
Trout, Tiger	2-9.12	20/9.63	Mill Creek	1999
Tullibee	5-11.8	20.45/16.4	Little Long Lake	2002
Walleye	17-8	35.8/21.3	Seagull River	1979
Walleye -Sauger Hybrid	9-13.4	27/17.75	Mississippi River	1999
Warmouth	0.41	8/7.25	Bartlet Lake	2010
Whitefish, Lake	12-4.5	28.5/20	Leech Lake	1999
Whitefish, Menominee	2-7.5	21/9.1	Lake Superior	1987

## Minnesota Fishing Seasons

#### **BOWFISHING**

05/01/11 - 02/26/12; 05/01/10 - 02/27/11

#### **WALLEYE, SAUGER & NORTHERN PIKE**

05/01/10 - 02/27/11; 05/15/10 - 02/27/11

#### LARGEMOUTH BASS

05/15/10 - 02/27/11; 05/14/11 - 02/26/12

#### **SMALLMOUTH BASS**

05/14/11 - 02/26/12 (Catch & Release) 09/12/11 - 02/26/12

#### **LAKE TROUT**

05/14/11 - 09/30/11 (Lake Superior) 01/15/11 - 03/31/11 (Boundary Waters) 01/01/11 - 03/31/11 (Outside Boundary Waters) 01/15/11 - 03/31/11

#### STREAM TROUT

(Southeast Zone) 04/01/11 - 04/13/11; 04/16/11 - 09/14/11 (All Zones) 01/15/11 - 03/31/11 (All Zones Except Southeast Zone) 04/16/11 - 09/30/11

#### MUSKELLUNGE

06/05/11 - 12/01/11

#### **TAKE-A-KID FISHING WEEKEND**

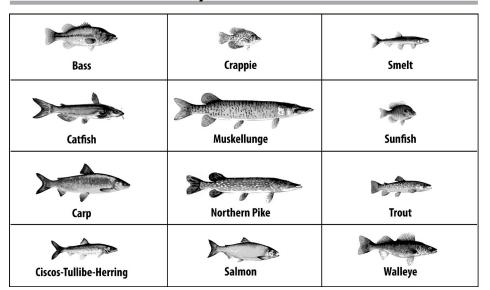
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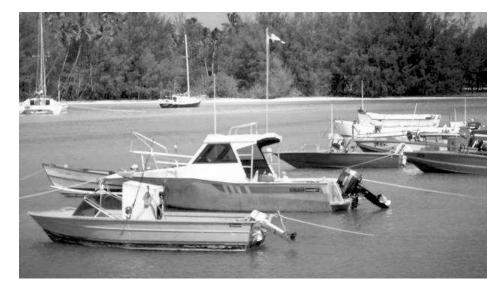
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\*Contact the MN DNR for specific zone information by calling: 1 (888) 665-4236.

## Common Fish Species





## **Boating Safety**

#### **Operating Watercraft**

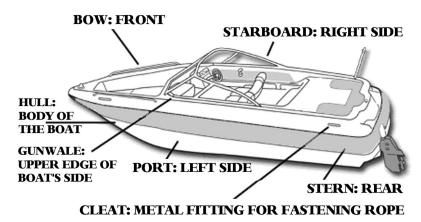
## Follow these guidelines to help prevent and prepare for capsizing, swamping, or someone falling overboard.

- 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.

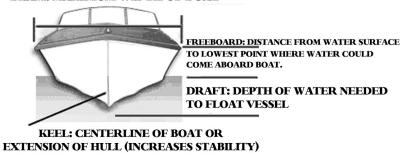
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## **Boating Safety**

#### Know Your Craft



#### **BEAM: MAXIMUM WIDTH OF BOAT**



## 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 enquines of 25 horsepower or lower with no restrictions.

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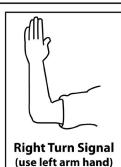
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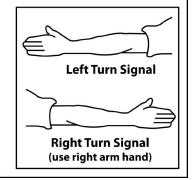
A watercraft operator's permit, or someone age21 years or older old on board within reach of the controls.

## 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.







## 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.



## 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

































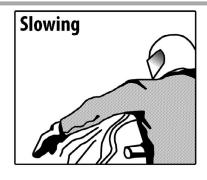


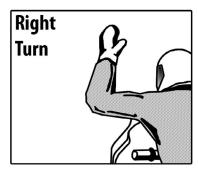


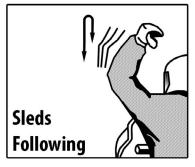
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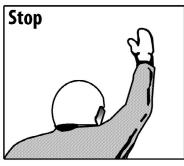
Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic.

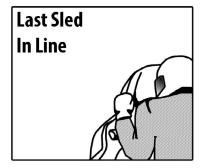
Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.

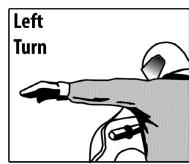






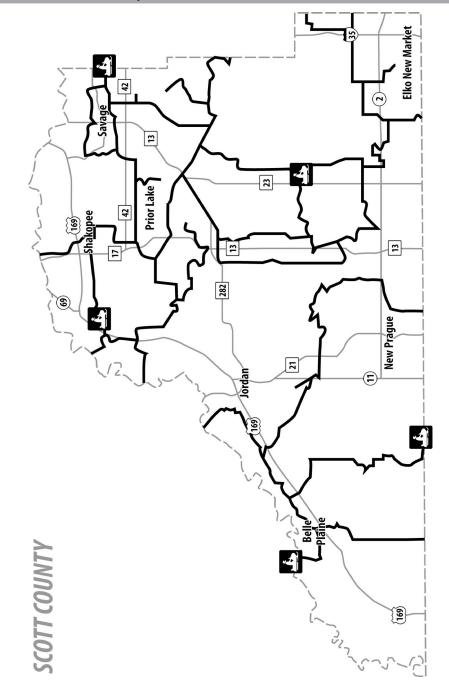








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## Emergency Planning

#### **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 Acetominophen 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:	
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