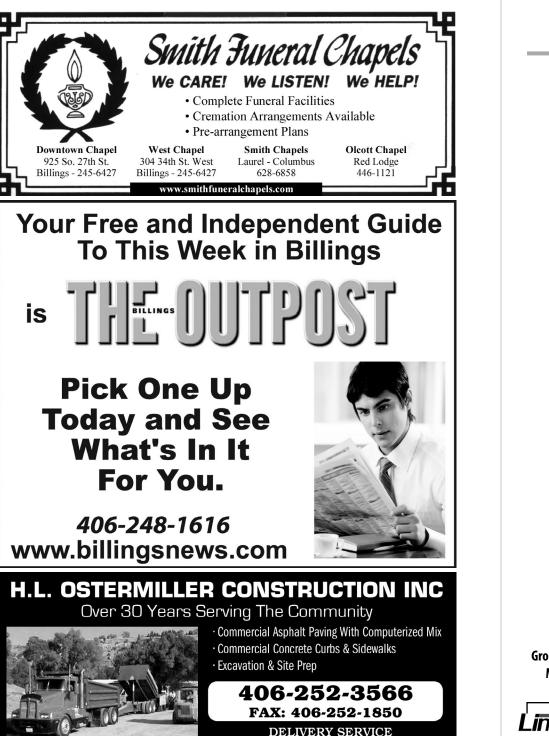
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Local Area Events

JANUARY

Ag Tech Show & Construction Expo | Billings Quality of Life Health Fair | Billings Great Rockies Sports Show | Billings Winter Youth Basketball Skills Day | Billings Big Band Dance & Supper | Billings Art Auction | Billings Boys & Girls Club Antique Show & Sale | Billings

FEBRUARY

Artwalk | Billings RMC Invitational Honors Concert | Billings Rollery Derby Dames | Billings Rocky Mountain College Candlelight Dinner | Billings The Heart of You Book Signing & Wine Tasting | Billings Mate Show & Home Health Expo | Billings Full Moon Ride | Billings Local Producer Fair | Billings Wedding Fashion Affair | Billings RV & Boat Show | Billings Spunky Old Broad's Day at Mission Ridge | Billings Huff's Antigues Show | Billings

MARCH

Home Improvement Show | Billings COR Enterprises Gala | Billings Big Sky Quilt Retreat | Billings Rocky Mountain Arts & Crafts Festival | Billings NRA Rodeo Finals | Billings Boys & Girls Club Dinner Auction | Billings Antique Show & Sale | Billings St. Patrick's Day Parade & Celtic Fair | Billings Shamrock Run | Billings Bridal Fair | Billings Mask-Zoorade | Billings Yellowstone Empire Cutting Horse Event | Billings **Billings Best Consignment Sale** Craft Show & Bake Sale | Billings Spare Change for Real Change Purple 5K | Billings Al Bedoo Shrine Circus | Billings

APRIL

Circle of Friends Montana Shop Hop | Billings Party for the Planet | Billings Boys & Girls Club Antique Show & Sale | Billings Poker Ride | Billings **MSU-Billings Pow Wow Rimrock Opera's OperaFest** Jenny Kramer 5K Fun Run | Billings Yellowstone Park Spring Ride | Billings Wet Ink Play Festival | Billings Habitat for Humanity BASHH | Billings Rocky Mountain College Easter Egg Hunt | Billings Bear Football Golf Outing | Billings Grizzly Peak Adventure Race | Billings HCMA MX Race | Billings Moonlight Walk & Campfire | Billings **Billings Easter Egg Hunt**

MAY

Spring Scramble Race | Billings Artwalk | Billings Montana Women's Run | Billings Derby Day Party | Billings MSU-Billings Wine & Food Festival Geranium Fest | Billings Arabian & All Breed Open Horse Show | Billings Kick Off Artwalk | Billings Rocky Mountain College Commencement | Billings Montana Women's Run | Billings Pedal for Pancakes | Billings Senior Sports & Arts Festival | Billings MSU-Billings Wine & Food Festival Montana's Real Estate & RV Show | Billings Geranium Fest | Billings Pro Hill Climb | Billings Safety Fest MT | Billings Pepper's 4 Person Scramble | Billings **Billings Brew Fest** Montana All Breed & Arabian Horse Show | Billings Reiter's Cup Motocross Series #1 | Billings

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Local Area Events

JUNE

Spring Motorcycle & ATV Sand Drag | Billings Festival of Cultures | Billings Heart & Sole Run | Billings Symphony in the Park | Billings Elk Basin Cross Country Motorcycle Race | Billings Spring Fest Arts & Crafts Festival | Billings Zoolebrate Food & Drink Festival | Billings Strawberry Festival | Billings Wake Up Your Life Wellness Festival | Billings Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club Dog Show | Billings YVKC Dog Show | Billings

JULY

Yellowstone Relay for Life | Billings Big Sky State Games | Billings Summerfair | Billings Montana Shakespeare in the Parks | Billings Clark Days | Billings S8th Mexican Fiesta | Billings Montana Brews & BBQs | Billings Marynell Heringer Women's Golf Tournament | Billings Big Sky Skate Games | Billings KidsFest | Billings Rockwell Western States Pro Hill Climb | Billings Zoofari | Billings District 6-C Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament | Laurel

AUGUST

Artwalk | Billings PBR NILE Invitational Weekend | Billings Magic City Blues | Billings MontanaFair | Billings All Euro Car Show | Billings NAMI Billings Bike Ride Dash for Dogs | Billings Quality of Life Run | Billings Billings Roller Derby Dames The American Cancer Society | Billings

SEPTEMBER

The Maize at Grandpa's Farm | Billings Big Sky Polka Festival | Billings Golf for Wishes | Billings Ales for Trails | Billings Snow Equipment Rodeo | Billings Fall Home Improvement Show | Billings Montana Governor's Cup Marathon | Billings

OCTOBER

The Maize at Grandpa's Farm | Billings Artwalk | Billings Billings Gem & Mineral Show Boys & Girls Club Antique Show & Sale | Billings NILE Stock Show, Pro Rodeo & Western Expo | Billings High Plains Bookfest | Billings Trick or Treat Downtown | Billings Howl-O-Ween | Billings

NOVEMBER

Holiday Parade | Billings Roller Derby Dames | Billings Artwalk | Billings Huff's Antique Show & Sale | Billings

DECEMBER

12 Nights of Zoo Lights | Billings Messiah Festival | Billings Artwalk | Billings Christmas Stroll | Billings Christmas to Remember | Laurel

Residential Services

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

City-County Planning	(406) 657-8246
Clerk & Recorder	256-2785
Clerk of District Court	256-2851
County Attorney	256-2870
County Auditor	256-2720
County Commissioner	256-2701
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Disaster & Emergency Services	
Detention Facility	256-6945
E-911 Coordinator	
Elections Administrator	256-2740
Extension Service	256-2828
Geographic Information Systems	256-2812
Human Resources	256-2705
Public Works	256-2735
Sheriff	256-2929
Superintendent of Schools	256-6933
Treasurer	256-2802
Youth Intake & Assessment	254-6036





Yellowstone County History (Billings, County Seat)

Named for the Yellowstone River, Yellowstone County was founded in 1883 with Billings selected as the county seat. The area was originally home to Native Americans until lands were opened for settlement. Railroad development provided the means for dramatic growth and between 1900 to 1910, its population soared from 6,212 to 22,944. Early industry was led by agriculture as many residents raised cattle, shipped wool and refined sugar from local sugar beet farms. The area has now grown to a popular recreational destination as many historical sites are available throughout the county that offer visitors a glimpse of its colorful past. Today Yellowstone County is home to approximately 144,797 residents.

Yellowstone County Communities

CITIES: BILLINGS (COUNTY SEAT) - pop. 105,845 LAUREL - pop. 6,750

TOWNS: BROADVIEW - pop. 153

CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACES: BALLATINE - pop. 346 CUSTER - pop. 145 HUNTLEY - pop. 411 LOCKWOOD - pop. 4,306 SHEPHERD - pop. 193 WORDEN - pop. 506 *Populations are approximate.

BILLINGS (COUNTY SEAT)

Named in honor of railroad president, Frederick Billings, Billings was established in 1877 and incorporated in 1882. Access to water and ample natural resources attracted many settlers and the area developed dramatically and was selected as the county seat. Agriculture led industry as cattle shipping dominated its early economy. As an oil refinery was constructed in 1923, Billings continued to develop. Billings is now the largest community in Montana and houses many national historic sites including the Moss Mansion constructed in 1903. Today Billings is home to approximately 105,845 residents.

BROADVIEW

As rail lines for the Great Northern Railway were constructed in 1908, Broadview was established as a rail stop. The community was named by W.X. Sudduth in honor of his ranch Fairview, but the name was changed to Broadview to avoid postal confusion with an already existing Fairview. In 1917 Broadview was incorporated and the area continued to grow until 1934 when most of the community was destroyed by fire. As the water supply continued to diminish during the 1930s, the population began to decline dramatically and in 1939 the community sold its water tower to nearby Lewiston for the price of \$340. Today Broadview is home to approximately 153 residents.

LAUREL

First known as Carlton, Laurel was established in 1886 as a railway village at the convergence of three rail lines. The area began to grow as an agricultural community with many residents raising sugar beets, wheat and cattle. Laurel was incorporated in 1908 and quickly became a shipping and transportation center. Oil refining added to its industry and tourism was born as the largest railroad roundhouse between Minneapolis and Seattle was built in 1909. The area now houses many historical properties that provide a colorful glimpse to its past. Today Laurel is home to approximately 6,750 residents.

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Local Area Attractions

ALBERTA BAIR THEATRE 2801 3rd Ave. N | Billings | (406) 256-6025

ANGRY HANKS BREWING 2405 1st Ave. N | Billings | (406) 252-3370

BIG SPLASH WATERPARK 5720 S Frontage Rd. | Billings | (406) 256-5543

BILLINGS STUDIO THEATRE 1500 Rimrock Rd. | Billings | (406) 248-1141

BILLINGS SYMPHONY SOCIETY 2721 2nd Ave. N | Billings | (406) 252-3610

CARLIN HOTEL 2501 Montana Ave. | Billings | (406) 255-9595

CARTER'S BREWING 2526 Montana Ave. | Billings | (406) 252-0663

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CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST 1310 Main St. | Billings | (406) 657-6200

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WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER 2822 Montana Ave. | Billings | (406) 256-6809

WESTERN ROMANCE COMPANY 3512 Boothill Rd. | Huntley | (406) 348-2048

YELLOWSTONE ART MUSEUM 401 N 27th St. | Billings | (406) 256-6804

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY MUSEUM 1950 Terminal Cir. | Billings | (406) 256-6811

YELLOWSTONE VALLEY BREWING 2123 B 1st Ave. N | Billings | (406) 245-0918

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Parks & Recreation

CHIEF PLENTY COUPS STATE PARK

P.O. Box 100 | Pryor | (406) 252-1289 Located on 195 acres within the Crow Indian Reservation, Chief Plenty Coups State Park features the preserved farmstead of Chief Plenty Coups, fishing opportunities, a swimming beach, campground, horseshoe pits, recreational trails, visitor center, concessions, playground equipment and picnic areas.

COONEY STATE PARK

86 Lake Shore Rd. | Roberts | (406) 445-2326 Located on 309 acres near the Beartooth Mountains, Cooney State Park features a campground, fishing opportunities and a fish cleaning station, swimming beach, campground, recreational trails and picnic areas.

LAKE ELMO STATE PARK

2300 Lake Elmo | Billings | (406) 247-2955 Located on 183 acres, Lake Elmo State Park features fishing opportunities, swimming beach, dog park, horsehoe pits, volleyball court, playground equipment, recreational trails and picnic areas.

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK

P.O. Box 237 | Wisdom | (406) 689-3155 Located throughout Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, Nez Perce National Historic Park features archeological sites, historical artifacts, recreational trails and picnic areas.

PICTOGRAPH CAVE STATE PARK

3401 Coburn Rd. | Billings | (406) 254-7342 Located on 93 acres, Pictograph Cave State Park features over 100 cave paintings, visitor center with gift shop, recreational trails and picnic areas.

POMPEYS PILLAR NATIONAL MONUMENT

2nd St. S & Crane St. | Worden | (406) 875-2400 Located on 51 acres, Pompeys Pillar National Monument features rock paintings and the signature of William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

YELLOWSTONE RIVER STATE PARK

P.O. Box 200701 | Helena | (406) 444-1200 Located on 200 acres, Yellowstone River State Park is currently undeveloped and features fishing opportunities and picnic areas.

*For more information on parks throughout Yellowstone County, visit online: http://www.co.yellowstone.mt.gov or call: (406) 256-2701.



FWP License Centers

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System. Online, http://fwp.mt.gov/, By Phone (406) 444-2535 or visit one of the ALS agents available throughout Yellowstone County:

BILLINGS

BIG BEAR SPORTS CENTER 2618 King Ave. W | Billings | (406) 652-5777

BILLINGS ARMY NAVY SURPLUS STORE 15 N 29th St. | Billings | (406) 259-8528

CABELA'S WHOLESALE, INC. 4550 King Ave. E | Billings | (406) 373-7300

FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS 2300 Lake Elmo Dr. | Billings | (406) 247-2940

HIGH MOUNTAIN RECREATIONS 6900 S Frontage Rd. | Billings | (406) 252-2888

K-MART #4303 2424 Central Ave. | Billings | (406) 656-5700

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WALMART #1956 2525 King Ave. W | Billings | (406) 652-9692

WALMART #2923 1649 Main St. | Billings | (406) 254-2842

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TOWN & COUNTRY SUPPLY ASSOCIATION 315 A 1st Ave. S | Laurel | (406) 628-6314

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Montana Hunting Seasons

Contact the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks for specific zone areas: Online, http://fwp.mt.gov/ or By Phone, (406) 444-2535.

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BLACK BEAR

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SAGE GROUSE 09/01/11 - 11/01/11

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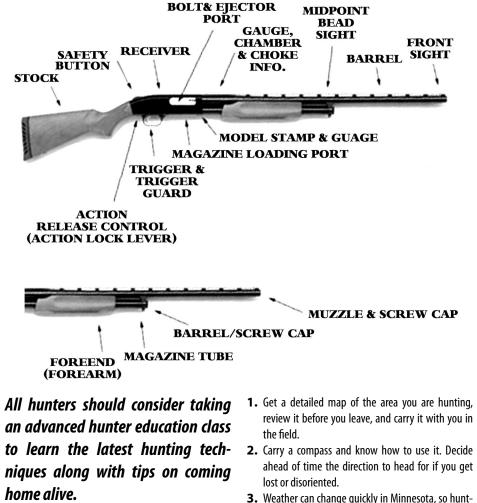
WATERFOWL*

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WOLF Closed

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Hunting Safety



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

3. Weather can change guickly 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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Boating Safety

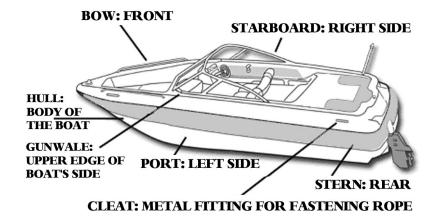
Operating Watercraft

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



KEEL: CENTERLINE OF BOAT OR EXTENSION OF HULL (INCREASES STABILITY)

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:

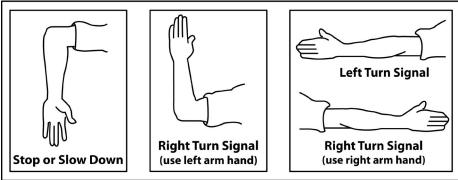
Operators from 12 to 17 years of age may operate engines of 25 horsepower or lower with no restrictions.

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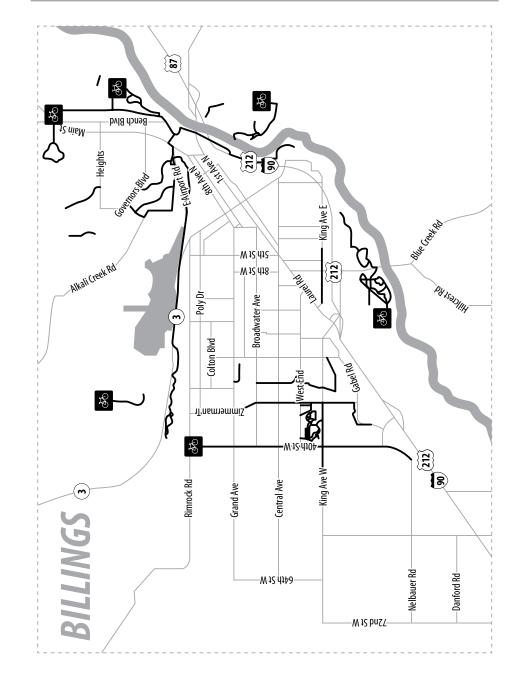
Operators 12 to 17 years of age must have: A watercraft operator's permit, or someone age 21 years or older old on board within reach of the controls.

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.



Bicycle Trails



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

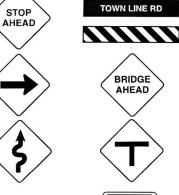
- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy 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



STOP











STEEP

HILL



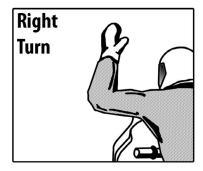


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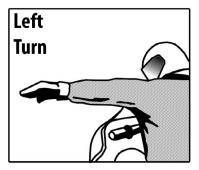
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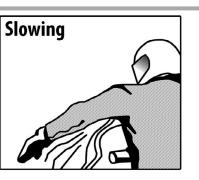
Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic.

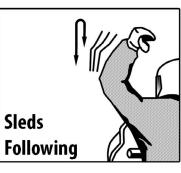
Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.

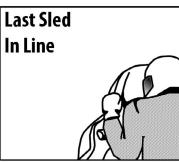














Home Safety

- Keep the outside of your home well-lit. Motion sensors and timers help deter burglars.
- Dead-bolts and peep-holes should be placed on all outside doors.
- Windows and sliding glass doors should have locks and be in good working order.
- Keep your garage door closed.
- Use an engraver to mark computers, cameras, stereos, TV's, tools, yard equipment, etc.
- Never leave valuables, expensive jewelry, or large amounts of cash at home. If you must, keep a list of your valuables with serial numbers to assist in insurance claims.
- Keep your car locked at all times and store all valuables out of sight.
- Guns should always be stored unloaded and with a gunlock.
- Become part of a neighborhood watch or program that is similar.
- Be suspicious of unusual people or vehicles in your neighborhood. Document the date, time, description and license plate number to give to law enforcement if needed.
- When on vacation, do not advertise your absence. Stop mail and newspaper delivery. Have a trusted friend or neighbor to give the impression you are home by stopping by to take out trash, shovel snow, mow the lawn, etc.



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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.

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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

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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

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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.

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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:		
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