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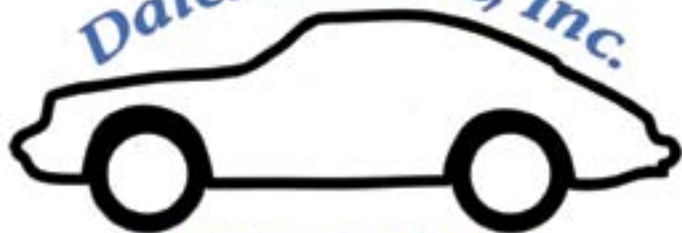
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Black Hawk County



Bremer County



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FEBRUARY

WOW Weekend | Cedar Falls
Beers to You & Gourmet Too | Waterloo

MARCH

Hawkeye Farm Show | Cedar Falls
Maple Syrup Festival | Cedar Falls
UNI-Dome Eastern Iowa Sports Show | Cedar Falls
UNI-Dome Antiques & Collectibles Show | Cedar Falls
Waverly Horse Sale
USA Wrestling National Tournament | Cedar Falls
Spring Open House | Sumner
Child & Baby Expo of Iowa | Waterloo

APRIL

Hartman Reserve Earth Day Celebration | Cedar Falls
Bunny Brunch | Hudson & Waverly
City-Wide Garage Sales | Evansdale, Readlyn & Sumner
City-Wide Clean Up | Denver
Easter Egg Hunt | Readlyn, Sumner & Tripoli
Bremer County Fun Fair | Waverly

MAY

Spring Clean Up | Evansdale
City-Wide Garage Sales | Denver
Free Shred Day | Sumner
Tripoli Days Breakfast Fundraiser
Waverly Art Walk
Cinco de Mayo | Waterloo
Mud Run | Waterloo
4th Street Cruise | Waterloo
Moms on Main | Waverly

JUNE

My Waterloo Days Festival
Cedar Basin Jazz Festival | Cedar Falls
Good Ol' Days | Evansdale
Festival of Trails | La Porte City
Cedar Valley Soccer Moonlight Classic | Waterloo
Sturgis Falls Festival | Cedar Falls
Grump Days | Readlyn
Civil War Days | Waterloo
Solar Splash | Waterloo
Cedar River Canoe Float | Waverly

JULY

Summer Praisefest | Cedar Falls
College Hills Arts Festival | Cedar Falls
Iowa State Trap Shoot | Cedar Falls
Waterloo Jaycees Fireworks Festival
Cedar Falls Jaycees Fireworks
Cedar Falls Garden Tour
Dunkerton Days
Hudson Hometown Days
Jesup Farmers Day
Janesville Days Summer Festival
Plainfield Days
Summer Days
Tripoli Days
Black Hawk County 4-H & FFA Fair | Waterloo
Rooftop Jazz & Blues | Waterloo
Two-Cylinder Tractor Expo | Waterloo
BBQ'Loo & Blues Too | Waterloo
Ridiculous Day | Waverly
Heritage Days | Waverly
Bremer County Fair | Waverly

AUGUST

Cedar Valley Trails Festival | Cedar Falls
Old-Time Power Show | Cedar Falls
Denver Breakaway Days
Good Ol' Days Mud Volleyball | Evansdale
Iowa Irish Fest | Waterloo
Cedar Falls Bible Conference | Cedar Falls
North End Arts & Music Fest | Waterloo

SEPTEMBER

ARTapalooza on Main Street | Cedar Falls
UNI-Dome Arts & Crafts Show | Cedar Falls
John Deere Fall Fest | Waterloo
Park-to-Park Half Marathon & 5K | Waterloo
Fall Harvest Festival & Scarecrow Contest | Waterloo
National Cattle Congress | Waterloo
Peregrine Charities Triathlon | Waterloo
Scarecrow Spectacular | Waverly

OCTOBER

Halloween on Main | Cedar Falls
Cedar Falls Historical Society Cemetery Walk
Northeast Steel Guitar Show | Waterloo
Strolling with the Spirits | Waterloo
Waverly Horse Sale
Wartburg Family Weekend & Homecoming | Waverly
Jack-O-Lantern Night | Waverly

NOVEMBER

Iowa High School Football Playoffs | Cedar Falls
Holiday Hoopla | Cedar Falls
Five Sullivan Brothers 10K & 5K Run | Waterloo
Holiday Arts Festival | Waterloo
Harvest Moon Wine Tasting Fundraiser | Waverly
Santa Spectacular | Waverly

DECEMBER

Jingle & Mingle on Main Street | Cedar Falls
Christmas Walk | Cedar Falls
Breakfast with Santa | Hudson
Downtown Lights the Night | Waterloo
Christmas Greetings on Main | Waverly



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Elections	352-9217
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Once home to Sac and Fox Indians, Black Hawk County was settled in 1843 and was originally part of Delaware County. It was named in honor of Chief Black Hawk who had fought in the War of 1832. Ample natural resources attracted many settlers and Cedar Falls was selected as the county seat until it was moved to Waterloo by voters in 1855. As the railroad was constructed the area grew dramatically. By 1900 its population had reached 32,399 and the area continued to prosper. Today Black Hawk County is home to approximately 129,276 residents.

CEDAR FALLS – pop. 39,260

DUNKERTON – pop. 816

ELK RUN HEIGHTS – pop. 1,083

EVANSDALE – pop. 5,076

GILBERTVILLE – pop. 804

HUDSON – pop. 2,205

JESUP – pop. 2,318

LA PORTE CITY – pop. 2,251

RAYMOND – pop. 694

WATERLOO (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 68,406

**Populations are approximate.*

CEDAR FALLS

Cedar Falls was first known as Sturgis Falls in 1845 as settlers were attracted to fertile soil, ample timber and access to water. The community was renamed in 1850 and Cedar Falls was selected as the county seat in 1853 until it was moved to Waterloo in 1855. Railroad development allowed for dramatic growth and by 1860 its population had reached over 1,500. It has since become a center for education as it houses one of three public universities in Iowa. Today Cedar Falls is home to approximately 39,260 residents.

DUNKERTON

Dunkerton was founded in 1853 by James and John Dunkerton and the community was named in their honor. Land was donated for rail lines and as a station was constructed, the area began to grow. Businesses and churches were established and the area continued to develop. Today Dunkerton is home to approximately 816 residents.

ELK RUN HEIGHTS

Elk Run Heights was named after nearby Elk Creek and settlers arrived to establish mills along the riverbanks. Its proximity to ample natural resources and access to water attracted many settlers. Elk Run Heights was incorporated in 1951 and the area continued to grow. Today Elk Run Heights is home to approximately 1,083 residents.

EVANSDALE

Evansdale was established from part of Waterloo in 1947 when residents voted to incorporate as a separate city due to drainage problems. It was named in honor of District Judge William T. Evans and William Wiltfang served as its first mayor. The area continued to develop and today Evansdale is home to approximately 5,076 residents.

GILBERTVILLE

Gilbertville was founded by John Chamboud and John Felton in 1856 and streets were platted. Ample water power attracted residents and the area developed quickly. By 1880 the community housed general stores, saloons, churches, a blacksmith shop, post office and 98 residents. Today Gilbertville is home to approximately 804 residents.

HUDSON

Attracted to the fertile soil and access to water, Hudson was settled in 1857. Streets were platted that same year by George W. Miller, Asaph Sergeant and John L. Alline. Within several years businesses included two hotels, sawmills, a grocery store, carpentry shop and a saloon. As rail lines were constructed the area continued to prosper and the community was incorporated in 1911. Today Hudson is home to approximately 2,205 residents.

JESUP

Located in Black Hawk and Buchanan Counties, Jesup was first settled in 1858 and named for an officer of the railroad. Rich soil and proximity to the Cedar River attracted pioneers and early industry was led by agriculture. By 1875 the area housed grain elevators, churches, blacksmith shops, a school and a variety of specialty shops. Railroad development allowed for growth and the area continued to thrive. Today Jesup is home to approximately 2,318 residents.

LA PORTE CITY

La Porte City was first settled by Dr. Jesse Wasson in 1855 who named the community after his hometown of La Porte, Indiana. Wasson also served as the area's first postmaster and established the first mill. The area grew quickly and by 1875 its population had reached 1,200 and housed a variety of businesses including a newspaper office. Today La Porte City is home to approximately 2,251 residents.

RAYMOND

The first building in the Raymond area was constructed by A. M. Edmund Miller in 1860. The first store was established in 1865 by Porter M. Chaffee and streets were platted in 1867. Railroad development allowed for growth and by 1878 stores, churches, a school, hotel and blacksmith shop were thriving. Today Raymond is home to approximately 694 residents.

WATERLOO (COUNTY SEAT)

Waterloo was known as Prairie Rapids Crossing as it was first settled in 1846. Streets were platted in 1853 and the community was renamed Waterloo by Charles Mullen who served as its first postmaster. The county seat was moved from Cedar Falls in 1855 due to its central location and the area grew dramatically. Its population had grown from 8,490 in 1895 to over 33,000 in 1915. It has since become known as the "Factory City of Iowa" due to its number of manufacturing centers. Today Waterloo is home to approximately 68,406 residents.



Once home to a Winnebago Indian Reservation, Bremer County was settled in 1845 and was originally part of Buchanan County. It was named in honor of Swedish author Frederika Bremer in 1850. Ample natural resources attracted many settlers and Waverly was selected as the county seat in 1853. As the railroad was constructed the area grew dramatically. By 1900 its population had reached 16,305 and the area continued to prosper. Today Bremer County is home to approximately 24,276 residents.

DENVER – pop. 1,627

FREDERIKA – pop. 199

JANESVILLE – pop. 829

PLAINFIELD – pop. 436

READLYN – pop. 786

SUMNER – pop. 2,028

TRIPOLI – pop. 1,310

WAVERLY (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 9,874

**Populations are approximate.*

DENVER

First known as Jefferson City, Denver was platted by Matthew Farrington in 1856. As a post office was established the community was renamed and by 1880 the area boasted a bank, sawmill, creamery, cabinet shop and a variety of specialty shops. Railroad construction allowed for development and the area continued to grow. Today Denver is home to approximately 1,627 residents.

FREDERIKA

Frederika was settled in 1852 and the community was first known as Henrytown or Henry's Mills. Streets were platted in 1873 and the community was renamed Frederika in honor of Swedish author Frederika Bremer. As the area developed, businesses, churches and a school were established to meet the needs of its residents. Today Frederika is home to approximately 199 residents.

JANESVILLE

Janesville, located in Bremer and Black Hawk Counties, was settled in 1848 and founded by John T. Barrack who named the area after his wife Jane. A post office was established in 1853 with John Hunter serving as its first postmaster. Streets were platted the following year and as rail lines were built the area continued to thrive. Today Janesville is home to approximately 829 residents.

PLAINFIELD

Plainfield was settled in 1854 and streets were platted in 1866. Its proximity to the Cedar River and ample natural resources attracted residents and by 1880 the area housed a hotel, creamery, feed mill, sawmill, lumberyard, bank, restaurant, school, a variety of specialty shops and the community continued to develop. Today Plainfield is home to approximately 436 residents.

READLYN

Readlyn was established as a railway station on land owned by the Ohlendorf family in 1903. The community was named after a member of the railroad company and the first school was built in 1905. Businesses were established and the area continued to thrive. It is now known as the site for the 1984 Oscar nominated movie "Country." Today Readlyn is home to approximately 786 residents.

SUMNER

The first post office in the Sumner area was established in 1867 with S. F. Cass serving as its first postmaster. Streets were platted in 1873 and the community was known as Cassville until 1875 when voters selected the name of its township. Railroad construction in 1880 allowed for dramatic growth and the area nearly doubled in size. Today Sumner is home to approximately 2,028 residents.

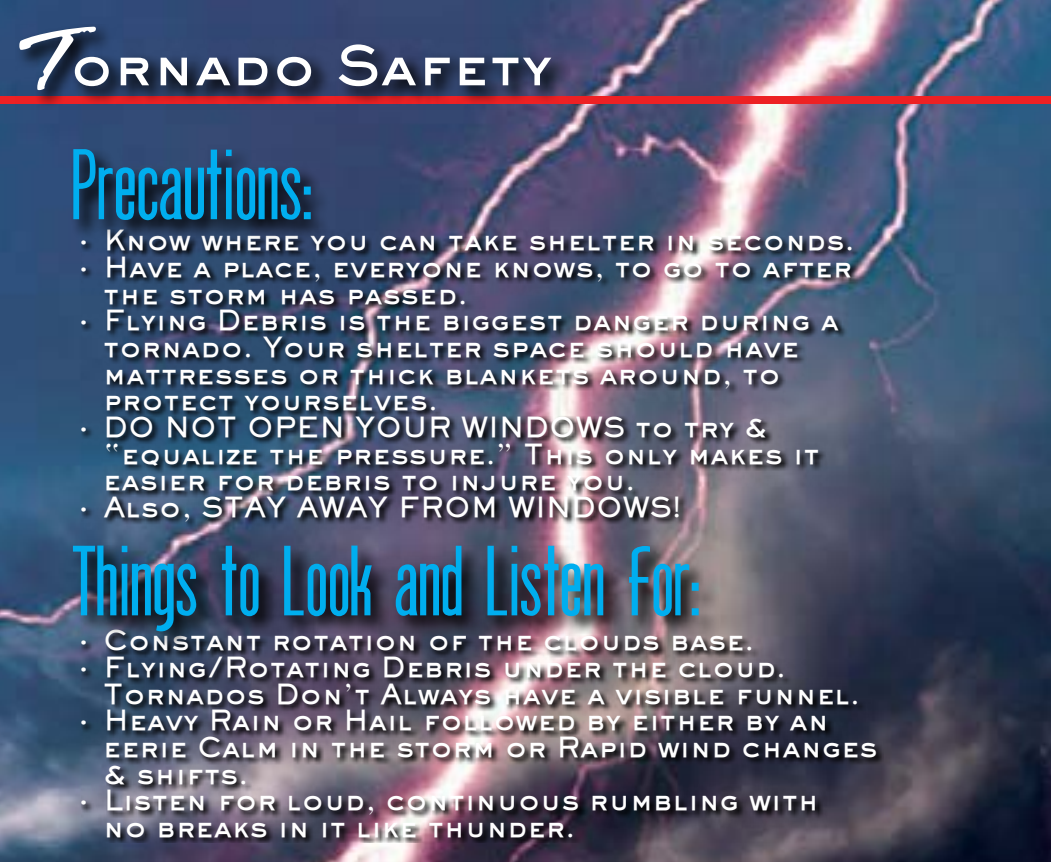
TRIPOLI

Tripoli was established in 1880 and named by H. J. Wynhoff who served as the area's first postmaster. A school and churches were constructed to meet the growing needs of the community and businesses included a creamery, lumberyard, canning plant, newspaper office and a bank. It is now known as the home to the Sweet Marsh, a wildlife sanctuary spanning 2,855 acres. Today Tripoli is home to approximately 1,310 residents.

WAVERLY (COUNTY SEAT)

Waverly was founded in 1853 by William P. Harmon who thought the area was ideal for a town site. A dam and sawmill were built to utilize the power of the river and settlers quickly followed. Waverly was incorporated in 1859 and the area developed dramatically. By 1860 businesses included sawmills, gristmills, woolen mills, a variety of factories and the community was selected as the county seat. As rail lines were built, Waverly continued to grow and by 1900 its population had reached 3,177. Today Waverly is home to approximately 9,874 residents.





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NORTH WOODS PARK

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Resident Fur Harvest (<16).....	\$7.50
Nonresident Fur Harvest.....	\$202.00
Resident Migratory Bird Fee.....	\$10.00
Resident Habitat Fee.....	\$13.00
Nonresident Migratory Bird Fee.....	\$10.00
NR Falconry.....	\$28.00
Veteran Lifetime Hunting & Fishing.....	\$7.00
Crossbow Use Permit.....	\$2.00
Nonambulatory Permit.....	\$2.00

FISHING:

Resident Fishing.....	\$19.00
Lifetime Fishing (65+).....	\$52.50
Nonresident Fishing.....	\$41.00
Resident 1-Day Fishing.....	\$9.50
Nonresident 1-Day Fishing.....	\$10.50
Resident 7-Day Fishing.....	\$13.50
Nonresident 7-Day Fishing.....	\$32.00
Resident Trout Fishing.....	\$12.50
Nonresident Trout Fishing.....	\$15.00

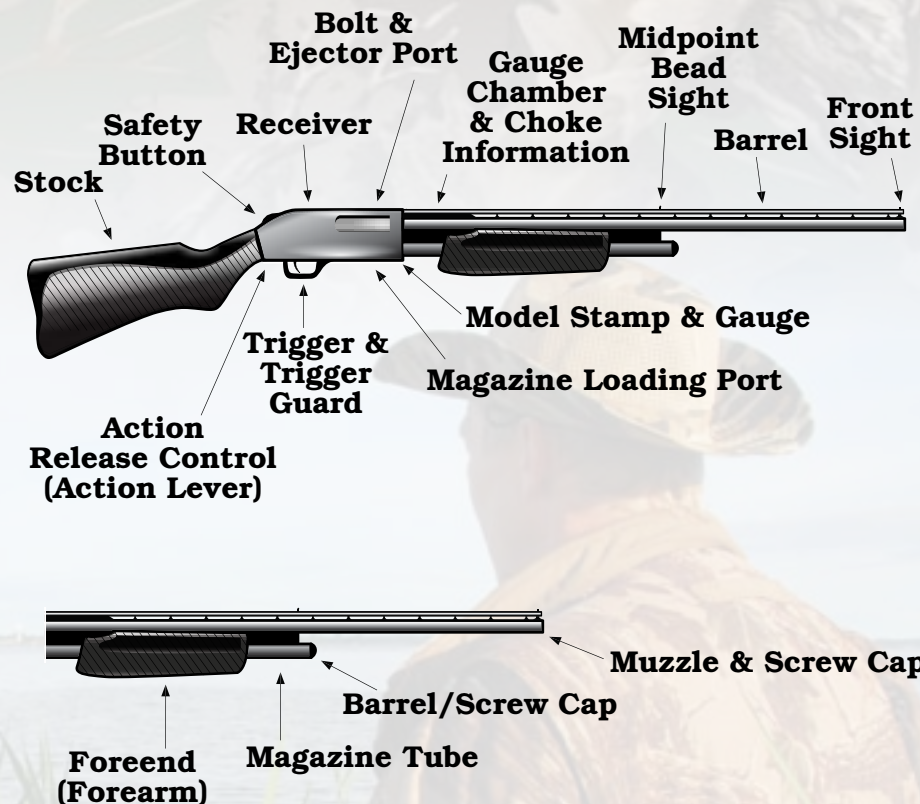
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS:

ATV Renewal.....	\$16.50
ATV Renewal (With Penalty).....	\$22.50
Nonresident ATV User Permit.....	\$17.50
Snowmobile Renewal.....	\$16.50
Snowmobile Renewal (With Penalty).....	\$22.50
Nonresident Snowmobile Renewal.....	\$17.50

MISC. LICENSES:

Resident Fur Dealer.....	\$227.50
Nonresident Fur Dealer.....	\$503.00
Resident Aquaculture Unit.....	\$27.50
Nonresident Aquaculture Unit.....	\$58.00
Resident Boundary Water Trotline.....	\$22.50
Nonresident Boundary Water Trotline.....	\$42.50
Retail Bait Dealer.....	\$32.50
Resident Ginseng Harvest.....	\$67.00
Nonresident Ginseng Harvest.....	\$67.00
Ginseng Grower.....	\$2.00

**Any resident born after January 1, 1972 must have completed an approved hunter education program in Iowa or another state in order to purchase a hunting license. If hunter education certification is not on customer record, proof of hunter education will have to be displayed when purchasing a license at a local vendor, or to complete the order, call: 1 (800) 367-1188.*



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 5 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, 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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 and help support businesses throughout your area.

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System.

Online: www.iowadnr.gov, by phone: (515) 281-5918

or visit one of the ELS agents available throughout Bremer & Black Hawk Counties:

DUNKERTON

BEST'S POWERHOUSE

11217 E Dunkerton Rd. | Dunkerton | (319) 822-2599

CEDAR FALLS

FARM & FLEET OF CEDAR FALLS

219 Brandilyn Blvd. | Cedar Falls | (319) 277-1641

SCHEELS ALL SPORTS

6301 University Ave. | Cedar Falls | (319) 277-3033

THUNDER RIDGE AMPRIDE

2425 Whitetail Dr. | Cedar Falls | (319) 277-1141

WAL-MART (#0753)

525 Brandilynn Blvd. | Cedar Falls | (319) 277-6391

HUDSON

RANDALL'S STOP N SHOP

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LA PORTE CITY

DOUBLE LUNG ARCHERY, INC.

501 Main St. | La Porte City | (319) 342-4550

URB'S DO IT BEST HARDWARE

204 Commercial St. | La Porte City | (319) 342-5000

READLYN

C & B SPORT SHOP

2791 240th St. | Readlyn | (319) 279-3474

READLYN SAVINGS BANK

141 Main St. | Readlyn | (319) 279-3321

SUMNER

YUNG TUM TRUE VALUE

100 W 1st St. | Sumner | (563) 578-8112

TRIPOLI

DICK'S BEVERAGE DEPOT

102 N Main St. | Tripoli | (319) 882-3757

WATERLOO

BLACK HAWK COUNTY RECORDER

316 E 5th St. | Waterloo | (319) 833-3012

DICK'S SPORTING GOODS (#688)

1411 Flammang Dr. | Waterloo | (319) 287-5722

DNR GEORGE WYTH STATE PARK

3659 Wyth Rd. | Waterloo | (319) 232-5505

HANK'S LIVE BAIT & TACKLE

186 W 15th St. | Waterloo | (319) 234-0711

HYVEE INC (#1863)

2181 Logan Ave. | Waterloo | (319) 234-8627

HYVEE INC (#1866)

1422 Flammang Dr. | Waterloo | (319) 234-7523

WATERLOO, CONTD.

HYVEE INC (#1869)

4000 University Ave. | Waterloo | (319) 236-0580

KMART (#4158)

3810 University Ave. | Waterloo | (319) 232-6511

PAINE'S, INC.

190 Plaza Dr. | Waterloo | (800) 286-3039

WAL-MART (#1496)

1334 Flammang Dr. | Waterloo | (319) 232-3661

WAVERLY

BREMER COUNTY RECORDER

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ICE SAFETY GUIDELINES:



Did you know?

- Ice always forms unevenly. It can be 2 feet thick in one spot, and just a few inches thick a couple feet away.
- The most dangerous ice is formed over flowing water. It's especially dangerous near streams, culverts and bridges. Also, the faster the water is running, usually means the weaker the ice will be.
- Snow insulates the ice and slows the freezing process. The added weight of the snow reduces the strength of the ice. Also, ice that is closer to shore is usually weaker than ice farther out.
- Cracking and rumbling ice isn't always bad. The ice expands and contracts as the temperature rises and falls.
- Fish and birds/wildlife can also effect the ice. Schools of fish can bring warm water from the bottom of lakes, and open holes in seemingly thick ice.
- **ALWAYS BE CAUTIOUS WHEN YOU ARE ON ICE!**

THIN ICE!

Fall Preparation & Clean Up

- Clean out the gutters.
- Clean or replace dirty furnace filters.
- Clean humidifiers by replacing old filters and clean the inside compartment.

- Drain and winterize outdoor faucets and irrigation systems.
- Winterize air conditioning unit (depending on climate).
- Remove fallen leaves from the lawn and fertilize.
- Service sprinklers and irrigation system.
- Put away seasonal furniture.
- Put up storm windows.

- Repair damaged sidewalks, driveways and steps.
- Seal windows and cracks around the house.
- Insulate the duct work in your home.

- Test smoke and CO monitors also inspect fire extinguishers.
- Get the furnace and water heater checked by a professional.
- Check fireplaces for soot or creosote build-up.
- Get your winter equipment ready.
- Inspect your roof for damage.

Operating Watercraft

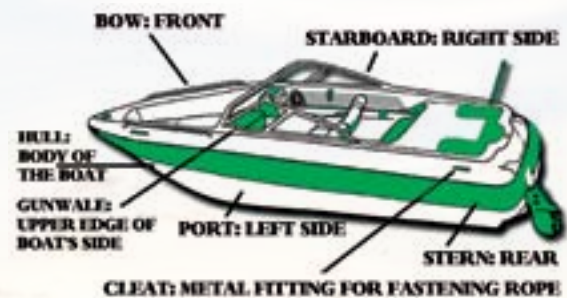
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO HELP PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR CAPSIZING, SWAMPING, OR SOMEONE FALLING OVERBOARD.

- 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 GUN WALE, 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.

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 OLD ON BOARD WITHIN REACH OF THE CONTROLS.



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.

Bicycle Hand Signals



Snowmobile Hand Signals

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.

Right Turn 	Slowing
Stop 	Sleds Following
Left Turn 	Last Sled in Line
Oncoming Sleds 	



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.

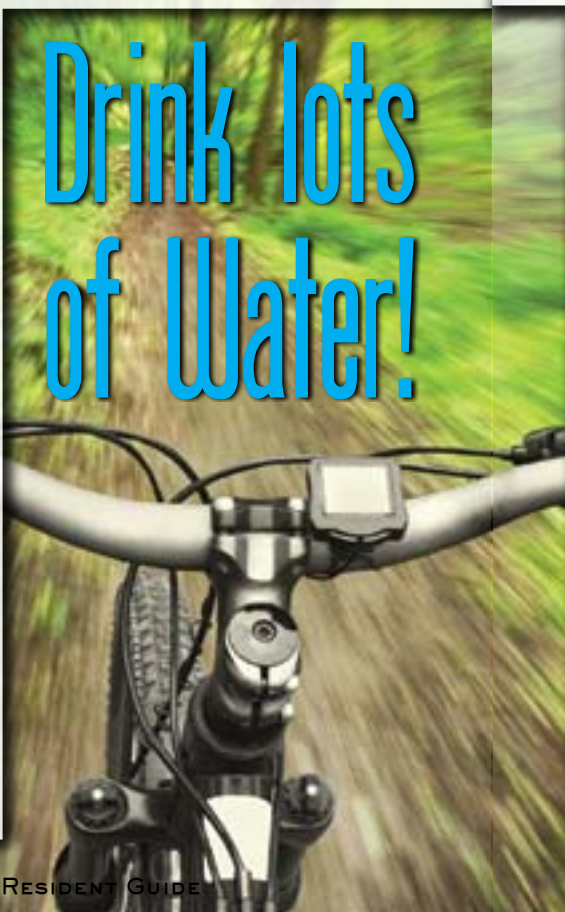
Know Your ATV



Be Cautious of Other Bikers

- 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.

Drink lots of Water!



SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey

all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county roads or state highways.



- 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.

Slow Down!

Snowmobiling is fun. Going to the hospital isn't.

LOCAL AREA TRAILS



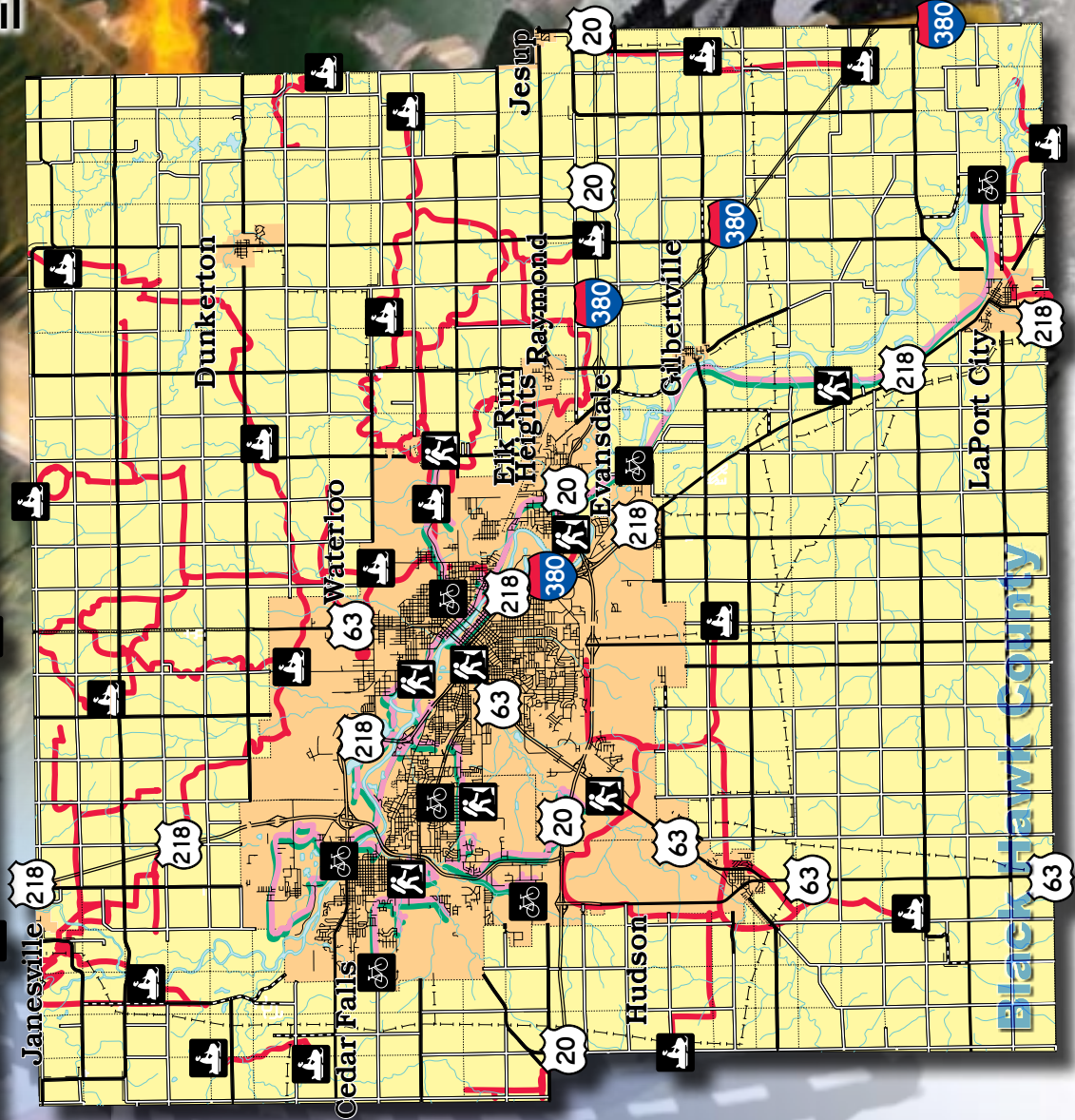
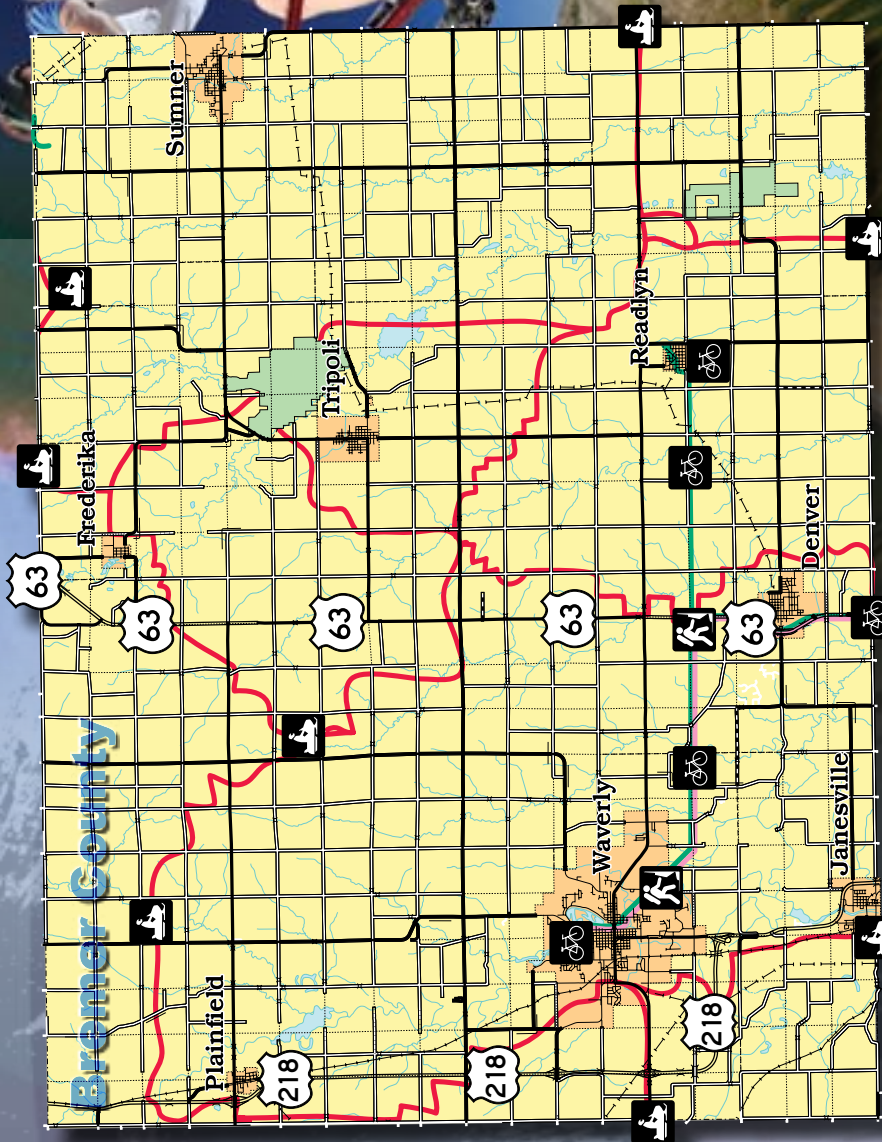
Snowmobile Trail



Bicycle Trail/Route



Hiking/Walking Trail



ENERGY SAVINGS TIPS

Summer Energy Saving Techniques

Conduct an energy assessment to find out where you can save the most. This will allow you to see where the biggest problem areas are.

Windows

- Close curtains during the day to block sunlight and open them at night.
- Plant trees, shrubs, or vines to help shade your home.
- Apply solar window film to windows.

Adjust Your Thermostat

- When you're home and awake, set your thermostat at the highest comfortable temperature.
- When you're out of the house, turn your thermostat up. You can save 1-3 percent per degree, for each degree the thermostat is set above 72 degrees, depending on the outside temperature.
- You can set a programmable thermostat to keep the temperature where you want day and night.

Maintain Your Cooling Systems

- Schedule service for your cooling system.
- Do regular maintenance to keep your cooling system operating efficiently.

Fans and Vents

- Keep inside air vents clear from furniture and other objects.
- Run energy efficient ceiling and whole-house fans to circulate the air.
- Use the bathroom vent to remove the heat and humidity after showering.

Appliances and Electronics

- Try not to use the oven on hot days. Cook on the stove top, microwave, or grill outside.
- Keep your fridge and freezer full. The refrigerator will run less often.
- Air dry dishes in the dish washer.
- Wash laundry with cold water and air dry.
- Unplug electronics when not in use.

Lighting

- Use light emitting diodes "LED's". They use less energy and have a longer life span, plus they produce less heat than incandescent and CFL bulbs.

Winter Energy Saving Techniques

Windows

- Open curtains during the day to allow sunlight in and close them at night.
- Tape a clear plastic sheet or film to the window frames.
- Install insulating drapes or shades on windows.

Adjust Your Thermostat

- When you are home and awake, set your thermostat at the lowest comfortable temperature.
- When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat down about 12 degrees for eight hours and save around 10% a year on your heating bills.
- You can set programmable thermostats to keep the temperature where you want day and night.

Air Leaks and Insulation

- Seal the air leaks on the inside and outside walls of your home. These can be holes for pipes and wires, gaps around chimneys, or unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.
- Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.
- Check your attic's insulation. Depending on what climate you live in, there are different insulating products and thickness that work best for your area.

Maintain Your Heating Systems

- Schedule service for your heating system.
- Do regular maintenance to keep your heating system operating efficiently.
- Furnace - Replace your furnace filter once a month or as needed.
- Fireplace - Clean the flue vent regularly and the inside of the appliance with a wire brush periodically to ensure that your home is heated efficiently.

Lower Your Water Heating Costs

- On average 18% of the energy consumed in your home is from the water heater. Turn down the temperature of your water heater to a setting around (120°F). This will save energy and can help prevent burns.

Lighting

- Use light emitting diodes "LED's". They use less energy and have a longer life span.

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 asks 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.



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 seek medical attention immediately.

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 anti-freeze/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.



SAFETY 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 sun-screen 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.



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