Safe Winter Driving
From OSHA.gov

The three P’s of Safe Winter Driving:

PREPARE for the trip;
PROTECT yourself; and
PREVENT crashes on the road.

PREPARE:

⇒ Maintain Your Car: Check battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.
⇒ Have On Hand: flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush, and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares), and blankets. For long trips, add food and water, medication, and cell phone.
⇒ Stopped or Stalled? Stay in your car, don’t overexert, put bright markers on antenna or windows, and shine dome light; and, if you run your car, clear exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.
⇒ Plan Your Route: Allow plenty of time (check the weather and leave early if necessary), be familiar with the maps/directions, and let others know your route and arrival time.
⇒ Practice Cold Weather Driving!
  * During the daylight, rehearse maneuvers slowly on ice or snow in an empty lot.
  * Steer into a skid.
  * Know what your brakes will do: stomp on antilock brakes, pump on non-antilock brakes.
  * Stopping distances are longer on water-covered ice and ice.
  * Don’t idle for a long time with the windows up or in an enclosed space.

PROTECT yourself:

⇒ Buckle up and use child safety seats properly.
⇒ Never place a rear-facing infant seat in front of an air bag.
⇒ Children 12 and under are much safer in the back seat.

PREVENT crashes:

⇒ Drugs and alcohol never mix with driving.
⇒ Slow down and increase distances between cars.
⇒ Keep your eyes open for pedestrians walking in the road.
⇒ Avoid fatigue – get plenty of rest before the trip, stop at least every three hours, and rotate drivers if possible.
⇒ If you are planning to drink, designate a sober driver.

For specific DLR building problems and concerns contact:

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He can help or point you in the right direction.
The tragic events that occurred on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 have reminded the Purdue community of the paramount importance of being prepared to respond appropriately to emergency situations. Purdue has many resources available to inform and train faculty, staff, and students how to respond in various emergency situations. You are strongly encouraged to take a personal stake in your safety and security. Familiarize yourself with emergency preparedness training materials, read the Building Emergency Plan, sign up for text message alerts. Ask yourself the ‘what if questions’ such as ‘where would I go in my building in the event of a tornado and how will I get there?’

This is a lot to think about, so where do you start?

Building Emergency Plan

Purdue University requires a Building Emergency Plan (BEP) be completed for EVERY building occupied by ten or more people. The BEP contains vital building specific emergency preparedness information. Every building has a Building Deputy who prepares, updates and distributes the BEP to all occupants. The DLR Building Deputy, Eric Ridgley, recently sent a copy of the BEP via email. Take this seriously, READ IT.

Purdue Emergency Preparedness Resources

Purdue provides a comprehensive emergency procedures guide online at the link below. Bookmark this page and read it at least yearly.

https://www.purdue.edu/emergency_preparedness/flipchart/index.html

Comprehensive information on classroom safety intended for instructors is found at this website:

http://www.itap.purdue.edu/learning/faculty/

“Shots Fired on Campus: When Lightning Strikes,” is a 20-minute video that illustrates what to look for and how to prepare and react when faced with an active shooter situation. The video is available online at https://www.purdue.edu/securepurdue/police/video. A Purdue career account and password are necessary to log on to view the video.

Understand and Use the Purdue Emergency Notification System

Purdue has three ways to contact you in the event of an emergency: sirens and alarms, email, and text messaging. Be familiar with the sound of the All Hazards Outdoor Siren and building fire alarms. (See this webpage for audio demonstrations http://www.purdue.edu/emergency_preparedness/index.htm.) Know where to appropriately shelter in place depending on the type of emergency. Have specific shelter locations in the building memorized! You should also be aware that the All Hazards Outdoor Warning Sirens are not designed to notify people inside a building. Be prepared to find out about warnings by text message, local TV/radio, weather radio, Twitter, and word of mouth. You are strongly encouraged to sign up to receive text alerts. Do it now, if you haven’t yet, at http://www.purdue.edu/securepurdue/.

So how do you remember all this?

Review this material at the least yearly. We have attached to this newsletter a printable, quick reference guide. Post this sheet in your offices and work areas for quick reference. Take this information seriously, it may save your life!

The DLRC Safety Committee welcomes your ideas for future issues of the DSS. Contact us by email: learningcenter@purdue.edu.

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WHAT TO DO… FOR ANY EMERGENCY: CALL 911

When you hear an alarm inside, evacuate immediately
When you hear a siren outside, shelter in place

EVACUATION PROCEDURES—FIRES
- Activate the alarm
- When fire alarm is activated, immediate evacuation is mandatory - if possible take your belongings
- Call for help—dial 911
- Warn others
- Evacuate in accordance with the Building Emergency Plan or at the nearest exit to an area that does not impede responders
- The DLR gathering area is located on the west side of the building in the parking lot across the street (by married student housing)
- Assist persons with disabilities, if possible
- DO NOT USE ELEVATORS
- Do not re-enter the building until authorized by Public Safety officials

SHELTER IN PLACE—TORNADO WARNING
- If the All Hazards Sirens are activated or you are notified of a warning, immediately seek shelter in nearest facility
- Proceed to the lowest level. If a basement is not available, seek an interior hallway or small interior room on lowest level, away from windows and doorways
- The DLR gathering spaces are the first floor restrooms, the hallway next to the restrooms, the basement and basement stairwells
- All clear will be announced over the local TV and radio stations or expiration of the initial National Weather Service warning

SHELTER IN PLACE—HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (HAZMAT) RELEASE
- If advised to shelter for a HAZMAT incident, immediately seek shelter in nearest facility
- Close all windows, exterior doors, and any opening to the outside
- If possible, move to an interior room above ground floor with fewest windows and vents
- Do not leave the building until authorized by Public Safety officials

NON EMERGENCY PHONE #s:
Purdue Police Department: 494-8221
Purdue Fire Department: 494-6919
Physical Facilities Services: 494-9999
REM: 494-6371

SHELTER IN PLACE—ACTIVE SHOOTER
- If advised to shelter for an active shooter incident, immediately seek shelter in nearest facility
- Proceed to a room that can be locked, barricaded, or secured in some way; close and lock all the windows and doors; and turn off all the lights
- Hide under a desk, in a closet, or in the corner; if possible, get everyone down on the floor and ensure that no one is visible from outside the room
- Do not leave your area until authorized by Public Safety officials
- If the shooter is in the same building and your room can’t be locked, determine if there is a nearby location that can be reached safely and secured, or if you can safely exit the building

How you will be notified… Purdue ALERT
(Our emergency warning notification system)
- All-Hazards Emergency Warning sirens: (Shelter In Place)
- Fire alarms: (Evacuate the building)
- Email: An e-mail will be sent to all people with a purdue.edu address
- Text messaging: Purdue University faculty, staff and students may sign up by visiting purdue.edu/securepurdue to receive an emergency notification text message
- Purdue home page: The home page (www.purdue.edu) is the focal point for all campus-related emergencies
- Local Media: The University works with the news media, radio, TV, newspapers, and Internet, to help spread the word
- Facebook: Individuals can sign up for a Facebook account (www.facebook.com) and join the Purdue University group
- Twitter: Individuals can sign up for a Twitter account (twitter.com) and follow the @PurdueToday or @LifeAtPurdue Twitter handle/s
- Boiler TV: The Boiler Television Emergency Alerting System may also broadcast emergency information