When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

Protect Yourself from Lightning Strikes

**Safety precautions outdoors**

- If the weather forecast calls for thunderstorms, postpone your trip or activity.
- Remember: When thunder roars, go indoors. Find a safe, enclosed shelter.
- The main lightning safety guide is the 30-30 rule. After you see lightning, start counting to 30. If you hear thunder before you reach 30, go indoors. Suspend activities for at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder.
- If no shelter is available, crouch low, with as little of your body touching the ground as possible. Lightning causes electric currents along the top of the ground that can be deadly over 100 feet away.
- Stay away from concrete floors or walls. Lightning can travel through any metal wires or bars in concrete walls or flooring. Although you should move into a non-concrete structure if possible, being indoors does not automatically protect you from lightning. In fact, about one-third of lightning-strike injuries occur indoors.

**Safety precautions indoors**

- Avoid water during a thunderstorm. Lightning can travel through plumbing.
- Avoid electronic equipment of all types. Lightning can travel through electrical systems and radio and television reception systems.
- Avoid corded phones. Cordless or cellular phones are safe to use during a storm.
- Avoid concrete floors and walls.

Lightning strikes may be rare, but they still happen and the risk of serious injury or death is severe. So take thunderstorms seriously.

Should you call the KSU Emergency Communication Center or 911 for medical and other emergencies?

OEM recommends that you call 470-578-6666 during an on-campus emergency. The advantages of contacting the KSU Emergency Communications Center over 911 is that our police officers are more familiar with campus, KSU police will immediately respond, and Fire and Medical personnel rely on KSU Public Safety to help find the location of the emergency.

Other tips for Crisis Coordinators during a medical emergency:

- Provide your exact location of the emergency when you call for help
- Take your radio with you
- Prepare to meet first responders in front of your location, or outside the room
- Make sure you’ve completed the CPR/AED and Stop the Bleed classes
- Know how to open an airway
"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”
George Santayana

Upcoming Training Dates

- Kennesaw Campus Student Center Active Shooter Drill - May 10th
- CRASE – May 14th 1:00pm-3:00pm, Norton Hall Police Training Room
- Marietta Campus Johnson Library Active Shooter Drill - May 15th
- Special Topics Class: Cerberus Effect: Precursor Behaviors and The Insider Threat(s) - May 23rd 10:00am-11:30am, KSU Center Room 460
- CPR/AED - May 31st 1:00pm-3:30pm, Norton Hall Police Training Room

Sign Up on OwlTrain

Active Shooter Readings

Have you completed the 90-minute Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) class and would like some supplemental reading? Here are a few that you may want to read:

- Active Shooter Events and Response by J. Pete Blair, Terry Nichols, David Burns, & John R. Curnutt
- Evaluating Police Tactics: An Empirical Assessment of Room Entry Techniques by J. Pete Blair and M. Hunter Martaindale
- Leadership and Training for the Fight by Paul Howe
- On Combat by LTC Dave Grossman
- On Killing by LTC Dave Grossman
- Violence Goes to School by John Nicoletti and Sally Spencer-Thomas
- Violence Goes to College by John Nicoletti, Sally Spencer-Thomas, and Christopher Bollinger
- School Shootings by Joseph A. Lieberman
- The Gift of Fear by Gavin De Becker

Each of these books is available through Amazon or other online book stores. Most are also available in wireless, downloadable versions.

Also, were you aware that the CRASE class is now offered online? As of January 2019, CRASE Train-the-Trainer is now available online through Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) for anyone wanting to take the course. First responders and civilians can access the course here:

https://teex.org/Pages/Class.aspx?course=LET222&courseTitle=Civilian%20Response%20Train%20the%20Trainer

Even if you’ve completed the classroom version, the online class serves as a great refresher opportunity!
**Close Before You Doze!**

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IT’S TIME TO ADD “CLOSE YOUR DOOR” TO YOUR FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

You know how important it is to have working smoke alarms, escape plans, and a designated meeting place in case of a fire. But did you know that closing your doors in your home is also important for your safety? Closed doors can reduce fire growth, limit damage to your home, keep temperatures down, and can even save your life if you become trapped.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Because of synthetic materials, furniture and construction, fire spreads faster than ever before.*

*NIST Technical Note 1455-1, February 2008

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**MAKE A 900 DEGREE DIFFERENCE** - A closed door can mean reducing 1,000 degrees down to 100 degrees.

**TAKE IT DOWN A NOTCH** - During a fire, a closed door can keep carbon monoxide levels at 1,000 PPM versus 10,000 PPM if the door is left open.

**TAKE A BREATH** - A fire needs oxygen to burn. A closed door keeps more oxygen in the room and away from the fire. When you exit a fire, make sure to close your door behind you to slow down its growth.

**DOZE SAFELY** - 50% of house fires happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Closing your doors before you hit the hay helps keep you safe.

Learn more at closeyourdoor.org

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**Close your bedroom door at night**

About half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep. The bedroom door is a barrier that could save your life.*

*“Civilian Fire Fatalities in Residential Buildings (2012-2014)”, FEMA, July 2016 (PDF)
Save the Dates!

KSU Emergency Preparedness Refresher Training
Wednesday, August 14, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Marietta Campus, Gym (S2)
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Kennesaw Campus, Recreation Center
Multipurpose Room

Sign up on OwlTrain for the refresher class that best meets your location and time.

Marietta Campus - September 5, 2019
Kennesaw Campus – September 19, 2019
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
HOW WILL I KNOW IF CAMPUS IS OPEN, CLOSED OR DELAYED?

Check the following resources to determine whether the University is open, closed or delayed due to inclement weather.

**Web:**
- www.kennesaw.edu
- oem.kennesaw.edu

**The Campus Advisory Page**
- www.kennesaw.edu/advisories

**Twitter**
- www.twitter.com/kennesawstate
- www.twitter.com/ksuoem

**Facebook**
- www.facebook.com/KennesawStateUniversity
- www.facebook.com/kennesawstateOEM

**Local Media Outlets**
- www.cbs46.com
- www.wsbtv.com

On Campus emergencies call: (470) 578-6666
Off Campus emergencies call: 911
Non-emergencies call: (470) 578-6206

*Personal safety should always be #1. If you do not feel safe to travel, don’t.*

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Just a friendly reminder, a small Bleeding Control Kit is located in each AED Box located on ground, and first floors. The boxes are located with a small stop the bleed sticker.