

## *CRIME PREVENTION TIPS*

Guests on campus are reminded that safety is a shared responsibility. The university encourages everyone on campus to use common sense and caution to help protect themselves and their property. The university's current campus crime statistics are available at [svsu.edu/universitypolice](http://svsu.edu/universitypolice).

### *REMEMBER*

- Do not prop doors.
- Draw curtains at night.
- Keep windows and doors locked at all times.
- Keep all valuables secured.
- Do not give unknown persons access to residence halls, buildings or rooms.
- Trust your instincts.
- Call SVSU Police if you witness suspicious activity.
- Minimize walking alone on campus after dark.

## **FIRE SAFETY**

Fire safety is a major concern. Most housing units are equipped with an automatic smoke detection system, a sprinkler system and posted evacuation route(s). Familiarize yourself with your best evacuation route(s) and know at least two exits. Also be aware of the location and operation of the nearest fire alarms and extinguishers.

1. Notify 911 and provide:
  - a. Your name
  - b. Building
  - c. Location of emergency
  - d. Type of emergency
2. Close all doors to the room of fire origin or other hazard when leaving.
3. **DO NOT USE AN ELEVATOR IN THE CASE OF SMOKE OR FIRE.**
4. Leave the building through the nearest exit.

5. Do not re-enter the building unless given clearance from the Saginaw Valley State University Police Department or its designee.

If you are trapped in a building because of smoke, heat, flames or other hazard and cannot find an escape route:

1. Leave the room door closed.
2. Contact Emergency at 911 and give your exact location to the dispatcher.
3. Smoke accumulates at the ceiling and works its way down. Stay close to the floor where the air is fresh.
4. Remain calm — help is on the way.
5. If possible, hang a white sheet out of the windows to alert your location.

### *PERSONS NEEDING ASSISTANCE*

During evacuation drills or emergencies, persons needing assistance should be helped to the nearest fire escape, window, door or stairway for their increased protection and to make rescue easier for trained emergency personnel. In no case should emergency action obstruct the exit routes for others or subject others to injury. Please make sure to alert the chaperone/staff if you need assistance evacuating during your stay.

### *RESCUE/MEDICAL RESPONSE*

Rescue and/or medical duties should be performed only by a trained and qualified person, including without limitation SVSU police, Fire Department or other trained medical personnel.

## **ALCOHOL, DRUG AND SMOKING POLICIES**

Saginaw Valley State University strives to comply with all federal, state and local laws — including those regulating the possession, use and sale of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances.

Michigan State Law requires that you must be at least 21 years of age in order to purchase or consume alcoholic beverages.

The use, possession, purchase and/or sale of illicit drugs on campus poses a threat to health and safety of all members of the SVSU community

and is not permitted on university property at any time. Violations will be investigated and criminal prosecution may result.

Smoking is prohibited on campus except in residential parking lots and lettered parking lots. This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff members and visitors. Smokers are expected to keep smoking areas clean and to use appropriate receptacles to dispose of smoking materials.

## **WEATHER EMERGENCIES**

### *LIGHTNING*

If you are inside:

1. Avoid windows during an electrical storm.
2. Avoid using electrical appliances and stay away from all metal objects during a storm.
3. Do not go outside.

If you are outside:

1. Avoid electrical lines.
2. Stay away from flag poles, towers, trees and metal fences.
3. A closed automobile provides a protective shell but if the vehicle is struck do not touch anything metal in the interior.
4. If caught out in the open, stay low.

### *TORNADOS*

A tornado warning is issued when a tornado has been sighted in the area.

If you are inside:

1. Do not leave the building during a tornado warning.
2. All occupants should move to an interior room or hall on the lowest level, avoiding windows and large rooms, auditoriums or gymnasiums.
3. Get in a crouched position, head between knees and hands protecting the back of the head.

If you are outside:

1. Never try to outrun a tornado in your vehicle.
2. Drive to the nearest building or seek shelter in a ditch or ravine.

This information is designed to help campus visitors and summer camp guests maintain a reasonably safe environment for themselves and their property during their stay on the Saginaw Valley State University campus.

We invite you to become familiar with the university community and our campus and to understand policies and procedures concerning security, fire safety and weather related emergencies.

#### **SAFETY AND SECURITY AT SVSU**

Saginaw Valley State University is a community of more than 10,000 students located in northern Saginaw County. SVSU has historically enjoyed a low incidence of crime on campus. The most recent Campus Security & Fire Report can be found at [svsu.edu/universitypolice](http://svsu.edu/universitypolice).

#### **THE SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Saginaw Valley State University Police Department is located in South Campus A, which is located on the corner of Pierce Road and South Campus Entrance Drive. The department provides 24-hour, 7-days-a-week service and protection for the SVSU community.

The Police Department strives to help prevent crime, provides highly visible security patrols and responds quickly to the needs of individuals on campus and in the university community as a whole.

In the event of an emergency, or when a serious criminal incident has occurred, the department will use the appropriate channels to notify the SVSU community. Visitors and guests are urged to report any criminal or suspicious incident to the Police Department.



## **HOUSING OPERATIONS**

# **SAFETY INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO SVSU**

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**SVSU Police Department  
(989) 964-4141**

**Ambulance  
911**

**University Health Center  
(989) 583-0285**

**Fire  
911**