

Campus and Holiday Safety Update

Notify UPD of Holiday Campus Visits

In an effort to prevent assault on campus this holiday season, please be sure to notify the University Police Department if you're planning to be in any of the buildings on campus during the break. Make arrangements so that you're never alone in a building.

Save Energy!

Before you leave for the holidays, be sure to turn off your office computers, electronics and lights in an effort to save energy.

Electric Heaters

Although it is cold outside, the use of personal electric heaters in office spaces is not permitted. Electric heaters are a fire hazard and disrupt the building's master temperature control system.

UAA Weather Alert

With winter now in full swing, the University would like to remind all employees and students how the University will communicate when weather-related conditions impact classes and travel. With new snowfalls expected in the upcoming weeks, please take a few minutes to review these important winter safety messages.

Campus Closures

The decision to close the University or cancel any or all UAA activities is made only by the chancellor or designee. On snow/freezing rain days, UAA will announce any potential closures by 6 a.m. for day classes and by 4 p.m. for evening classes (classes starting at 5:30 p.m. or later).

There may be times when conditions in an individual neighborhood prevent faculty from meeting their classes. If this happens, faculty will notify the dean's office or department chair as soon as possible so that students can be notified. Staff members should notify their supervisor. It is the responsibility of the faculty and the department to notify students if individual classes are canceled when the university remains open.

Conditions can vary dramatically around the Anchorage bowl during major snowfalls. We make every effort to keep UAA open and operating, but we recognize that there may be times when local conditions make travel impractical or unsafe.

Snow closure procedures are published in the Green & Gold Daily each semester. Visit <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/marketing/safety.cfm> for more detailed information.

UAA uses several methods in notifying students, faculty and staff of emergencies or closures.

E-mail: The UAA-wide distribution list will be used to send a notice. All employees are included in this distribution list.

Web site: The UAA Web site, www.uaa.alaska.edu, is updated within 15 minutes of the decision to close.

Phone: Both the Events Hotline, 786-1000, and the general UAA number, 786-1800, are updated. Do not call 786-1120 (University Police) unless it is to request police assistance.

Radio/Television: UAA notifies all major broadcast outlets of closures as rapidly as

possible. Faculty, staff and students should be aware that not all media outlets have 24-hour phone numbers, and that UAA cannot control the content of their broadcasts. We make every effort to notify broadcast outlets of closures.

Wolf-Radio: If you live within approximately one mile of UAA you can tune to Wolf-Radio (1610 AM) for additional closure information. Usually devoted to basic visitor/parking information, this radio station will be used for bulletins and warnings concerning snow closures and emergencies.

Drive Carefully – Defensively

We caution all students, faculty, staff and campus visitors to drive carefully. Add a little extra time in getting to school or class and remember to drive defensively.

Winter Slip and Fall Prevention – Free Spikies

Winter slips and falls are a major source of injuries at UAA. One of the best ways to avoid accidents is by using Spikies (foot traction devices), which are available free to all UAA employees. For more information, including instructions for our community campuses go to: <http://ehsrms.uaa.alaska.edu/Spikies2006.pdf>.

UAA students can purchase Spikies at the campus bookstore.

These convenient slip-on ice-grippers have prevented many injuries over the past five years. Employees can pick up their free pair of Spikies by presenting their WOLFcard ID at Parking Services in the Student Union, Human Resource Services in the Administration Building, the WOLFcard Office in the University Center or the Maintenance Dispatch Counter in Hartlieb Hall.

Please direct any questions to trig@uaa.alaska.edu or call Trig Trigiano at 786-1351.

Information on Other Emergency Closures

University closures will be communicated in the same manner as weather-related closures.

UAA makes available state and federal publications concerning appropriate actions during natural disasters. During the year, the UAA Safety Committee offers special seminars and workshops on selected topics. As residents of an earthquake-prone area, employees should become familiar with publications and information available on these topics.