

The college operator, Campus Police/Security Officer, or administrator will alert the faculty and staff, visitors, etc., in the event of a tornado warning. Should it be necessary to evacuate some areas of the campus, a verbal command will be issued, and students and employees will move to the identified shelter areas. Students and instructors should proceed to these areas in groups and remain in groups until instructed to return to classes by a college administrator.

Everyone should be familiar with the *Emergency Evacuation Procedures* and safe locations within each department/ building. Remember, a safe location is the predetermined area decided upon by the instructor. If unaware of the predetermined area, get as far away from the affected building as possible.

For persons with disabilities, the landings inside of each stairwell and protected elevator lobbies are considered safe areas. It is routine procedure for emergency personnel (i.e., fire department and police) to check these areas for individuals with disabilities and/or injured persons. Individuals with disabilities should be escorted to the closest stairwell, and a staff member should remain with that person until emergency personnel arrive.

## **Inclement Weather**

### Policy Statement

The safety and well-being of students and employees are primary considerations during inclement weather. The college has an established procedure to be followed during adverse weather conditions. However, weather, road conditions, and power outages tend to vary within the college's service area. Accordingly, the final decision to travel during adverse weather conditions when the college remains open must be made by the individual college employee or student.

The Campus Police/Security officer on duty will observe and monitor weather conditions at the college and contact the appropriate college officials if conditions become inclement.

### Authorization to Close the College

The President of the college is the only person authorized to close the college. During his absence, this authority is transmitted to the Vice President or designee. The Evening Coordinator has the responsibility for dismissing evening classes early after receiving approval from the President or Vice President. Should it be necessary to close classes during the day, night classes will also be canceled unless otherwise directed.

### Instructional Days Missed Due to College Closing

The college attempts to design the annual calendar with professional development days at the end of the spring semester/ term to be used to make-up instructional (class) days lost when the college is closed due to inclement weather. Because a specific number of instructional (class) days are required each semester/term, accounting for class days lost due to inclement weather must be documented. In the event that class days are lost due to inclement weather, it will be necessary for the college calendar to be revised to account for those days. Students will be notified of changes to the calendar and are expected to attend classes as scheduled.

### Notification Procedure

As travel advisories are issued, a decision to implement the *Inclement Weather Plan* will be made. The plan includes notification of all major radio and television stations in the area. If a student is uncertain of the status of the college (open or closed), he/she should call the college for current information.

### **Protection of Valuables**

The college cannot be responsible for personal property. All valuable articles should be locked in a car trunk or a locker. Serial numbered items should have numbers recorded and kept in a separate location. Students are encouraged to keep purses, handbags, and the like in their possession at all times.

### **Safety Goggles**

Alabama Law: SS16-1-7

Eye protective devices for pupils and teachers participating in certain courses.

1. Every pupil and every teacher in the public schools shall wear industrial quality eye protective devices while participating in the following courses:
  - a. Vocational or industrial arts, shops, or laboratories involving experience with:
    - (1) Hot molten metals
    - (2) Milling, sawing, turning, shaping, cutting or stamping of any solid materials;
    - (3) Heat treatment, tempering or kiln firing of any metal or other materials;
    - (4) Gas or electric arc welding;
    - (5) Repair or servicing of any vehicle;
    - (6) Caustic or explosive materials.
2. Chemical or combined chemical-physical laboratories involving caustic or explosive chemicals or hot liquids or solids.