

## FLASH FLOODS

A flash flood is a rapid flooding of low-lying areas: ditches, roads and walkways, washes, rivers, dry lakes and depressions. It may be caused by heavy rain associated with a severe thunderstorm, hurricane, tropical storm, or meltwater from ice or snow flowing over ice sheets or snowfields.

Flash flooding does directly impact the safety of campus community members who are commuting to or from the main campus, and potentially those at extension center sites.

Below are some important points to keep in mind when flash flood warnings are in place. Bear in mind that a flash flood warning means that flooding is about to occur or is already happening.

- Follow official instructions given for your area.
- Never drive through flood waters. "Turn around, don't drown".
- Never walk through moving water.
- Be aware that a flash flood can occur quickly. If flooding occurs, move immediately to higher ground.
- Ensure you have food and clean water to last you at least several days.
- Monitor local news and weather reports through your mobile device or television.
- Use available information to determine if you feel it is safe to leave campus and drive home.
- If you feel you need to remain on campus until the flash flood warning has expired, you should inform your supervisor.

## SNOW AND ICE

Snow falling, accumulating, removal, and melting create additional hazards for vehicle and pedestrian accidents and injuries.

- Avoid unnecessary travel.
- Ensure you have supplies (food, water, etc.) to last at least several days.
- Monitor College closures and special conditions
  - College Operating Status: **MyDCC website**.
  - Call Office of Campus Safety & Security at **845-431-8070**.

## SEXUAL VIOLENCE OR RAPE

If you are a **witness** or suspect a sexual violence incident is in-progress:

- Call the Office of Campus Safety and Security at 8070 or **845-431-8070**.
- To file a criminal complaint, **call 911** or the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Dept. at 845-485-3666.

If you are the **victim** of sexual violence, date rape, or rape:

- Take actions necessary for self-defense.

- If you are safe, stay where you are until the security or police arrive. Otherwise, try to move to a safe location.

### On campus reporting options after an incident of sexual violence:

- Office of Campus Safety and Security (private, but not confidential) 845-431-8070.
- Office of Counseling and Career Services (confidential) x8040, or 845-431-8040.
- Office of Health Services (confidential) 8075, or 845-431-8075.
- Title IX Coordinator (private, but not confidential) 8670, or 845-431-8670.
- Coordinator of Judicial Process (private, but not confidential) 8962, or 845-431-8962.
- <http://www.sunydutchess.edu/share-at-dcc> (may be private or confidential at your request).

### Off campus confidential reporting and services

- New York State, New York City, or county hotlines: <http://www.opdv.ny.gov/help/dvhotlines.html>  
Additional disclosure and assistance options are catalogued by the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and presented in several languages (or by calling 1-800-942-6906).
- Legal Momentum: <https://www.legalmomentum.org/>
- NYSCASA: <http://nyscasa.org/>
- NYSCADV: <http://www.nyscadv.org>
- Pandora's Project: <http://www.pandys.org>
- Domestic Violence Project: <https://www.bwjp.org>
- NYC Anti-Violence Project <https://avp.org>
- RAINN: <https://www.rainn.org/get-help>
- Safe Horizons: <http://www.safehorizon.org/>

## SUSPICIOUS MAIL OR PACKAGES

If you receive or observe a suspicious piece of mail, package or material **DO NOT** move, open, cover, or interfere with it.

- Move people away from suspicious items.
- Avoid contaminating other areas and people.
- Call the Office of Campus Safety & Security immediately at 8070, **845-431-8070** or Dutchess County 911 from a safe location.
- Be prepared to give the location of the item, the context of what you've observed, and your name and phone number.
- Be sure to give the 911 address of the building which is located on page 5 of this document.
- Follow directions of Campus Safety Officers and/or Law Enforcement.
- If you are told to evacuate, follow the established evacuation procedure.
- Do not create a panic situation.
- Characteristics of a suspicious piece of mail or