

SAFETY INFORMATION

FOR GRCC STUDENTS

2009-2010 Academic Year

As Grand Rapids Community College welcomes students back for the 2009-2010 Academic Year, there are a few reminders about campus safety that we would like to provide.

■ **Emergency Services:**

GRCC would like to remind you that the college has a variety of communication measures and services to keep the campus safe, including:

Public Address (PA) Phones: In an emergency, phones in classrooms and offices will function as loudspeakers to broadcast information.

Call Boxes: GRCC has dozens of emergency call boxes scattered throughout the campus in buildings, public spaces and in parking ramps. Take a moment to note where the call boxes are on the routes you travel on campus. For a list of call boxes on campus, visit www.grcc.edu/callboxes

Text Message Alerts: Students and employees may receive text message alerts on their mobile phones in the event of a crisis. Visit www.grcc.edu/textmessage to sign up.

Escort Service: GRCC's Campus Police department offers an escort service for individuals who are concerned about their personal safety and would like to be escorted to their vehicle (late at night for example). Call (616) 234-4010 to use the service.

Web site: GRCC's Web site (www.grcc.edu) serves as the primary source of information in emergency situations.

■ **Weather Closing Notification:**

In the event that GRCC is closed as a result of inclement weather, the primary source for notification is the college Web site. The announcement will also be delivered through the local media (on radio and television), and via text message alert.

■ **Classroom Door Guidelines:**

For energy conservation, student safety and equipment security, GRCC has adopted the guideline that classroom doors should be closed and locked whenever possible.

■ **Drills:**

In order to ensure the college community is well-prepared to react quickly and effectively to crises, GRCC engages in periodic safety drills. These drills may take one of two forms; fire drills (in which buildings are evacuated), and communication drills (in which the emergency alert communication system is tested). We thank you for your patience as we will be conducting a few such drills during the 2009-2010 year.

