

Lakefield Police Department Community Update

December 2023



L.P.D. UPDATE

Stay Aware & Stay Safe

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CHIEF'S MESSAGE

SNOW REMOVAL ETIQUETTE

All motor vehicles, trailers, etc. must be off of all streets, avenues, roadway, and alleys for snow removal. When the city of Lakefield receives **1 inch or more of snow** all roadways must be clear of any type of vehicle until the Lakefield Street Department has cleaned the roadways from curb to curb.

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Duty of owners and occupants. The owner and the occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall use diligence to keep the walk safe for pedestrians. No owner or occupant shall allow snow, ice, dirt, or rubbish to remain on the walk longer than **24 hours** after its deposit thereon. Failure to comply with this section shall constitute a violation.

Removal by city. The City Clerk or other person designated by the City Council may cause removal from all public sidewalks all snow, ice, dirt, and rubbish as soon as possible beginning **24 hours** after any matter has been deposited thereon or after the snow has ceased to fall. The City Clerk or other designated person shall keep a record showing the cost of removal adjacent to each separate lot and parcel.

Domestic power equipment. No person shall operate a power lawn mower, power hedge clipper, chain saw, mulcher, garden tiller, edger, drill, or other similar domestic power maintenance equipment except between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on any weekday or between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on any weekend or holiday. **Snow removal equipment is exempt from this provision.**



Roger D. Pohlman



Winter Survival In Your Car



Survival Tips

Everyone should be cautious about traveling in extreme winter weather. Cold, snow and ice are demanding on cars, drivers and passengers. Cold affects metal, rubber and other materials in your car. It can reduce the effectiveness of your vehicle's battery by at least 50 percent. It can freeze tires and keep them flat on the bottom for at least the first half-mile of travel. It can thicken your car's lubricants, making the engine work too hard. Most importantly, extreme winter weather can threaten your life. Follow these tips to stay safe as you drive in Minnesota.

Plan Before You Travel

Simple planning can save you trouble and even save your life.

Prepare Your Vehicle

Be sure your vehicle is in good winter driving condition. Take along the emergency equipment referred to in this booklet and keep it accessible. Keep your gas tank at least one-half full.

Be Aware of the Weather

Listen to forecasts, road reports and storm warnings. Dress appropriately. Pack extra scarves and mittens. Allow extra time for trips in severe weather.

Make Yourself Easy to Find

Tell someone where you are going and the route you will take. Report your safe arrival. If you stall or get stuck, tie a colored banner (from your winter survival kit) to your antenna or hang it out a window. At night, remove the cover from your dome light and turn the light on. Road crews or rescue units can see a small glow at a considerable distance. To reduce battery drain, use emergency flashers only if you hear approaching vehicles. Keep one person on watch; don't let everyone rest at the same time.

Stay in Your Vehicle

Walking in a storm can be very dangerous. You might lose your way or become exhausted, collapse and risk your life. Your vehicle is a good shelter.

Avoid Overexertion

Shoveling snow or repositioning your car by pushing it takes a lot of effort in storm conditions. You could risk heart attack or injury. Take it easy!

Keep Cool — Two Ways

1. Calm down and think. The storm will end and you will be found.
2. Don't work enough to get hot and sweaty. Wet clothing loses insulation value, making you susceptible to hypothermia.

Keep Fresh Air in Your Vehicle

It's much better to be cold and awake than comfortably warm and sleepy. Wet or wind-driven snow can plug your vehicle's exhaust system and cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to enter your vehicle. Don't run the engine unless you are sure the exhaust pipe is free of snow. Keep snow off the radiator to prevent the engine from overheating.

Stay Warm Without Fuel

Keep your blood circulating freely by loosening tight clothing, changing positions frequently and moving your arms and legs. Huddle close to one another. Rub your hands together or put them in your armpits or between your legs. Remove your shoes occasionally and rub your feet.

Don't Expect to Be Comfortable

The challenge is to survive until you're found.

Winter Driving Tips

Be Able to See and Be Seen

Clean frost and snow off all windows, mirrors, lights and reflectors. Equip your car with good wiper blades and keep an ample supply of windshield washer fluid. If visibility is poor, use headlamps.

Get a Feel for the Road

When you first start out, accelerate carefully to test wheel-spin and brake gently to test skidding.

Be Gentle

Use the accelerator and brakes slowly to maintain control of your vehicle. Fast acceleration can make wheels spin on ice and snow. Brake with a gentle pumping action. Stepping too hard on the pedal will lock the brakes and cause loss of steering control.

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Increase Your Following Distance

Ice or snow can multiply your stopping distance up to ten times.

Make Turns Slowly and Gradually

Heavily traveled intersections can become "polished" and slick. Brake before you come to a curve, not while you are in it.

Turn in the Direction of the Skid

If the rear of your car begins to slide, turn into the direction of the skid. Expect a second skid as the car straightens out, and be prepared to counter this sliding action.

Scattered Slippery Spots

Icy spots on the road surface can cause loss of steering control. Do not use your brake. Take your foot off the gas and steer as straight as possible until your car slows to a safe speed.

Avoiding a Collision

In an emergency situation, you can intentionally steer your car off the road and into a snow bank. You may get stuck, but you'll avoid a crash.

Making a Winter Driving Survival Kit

Use an empty three-pound coffee can or any similar container with a plastic cover to store the following items:

- Small candles and matches
- Small, sharp knife and plastic spoons
- Red bandanna or cloth
- Pencil and paper
- Large plastic garbage bag
- Safety pins
- Whistle
- Snacks
- Cell phone adapter to plug into lighter
- Plastic flashlight and spare batteries

Reverse batteries in the flashlight to avoid accidental switching and burnout. Warm batteries before using them. Store safety items in the passenger compartment when severe winter weather threatens in case the trunk is jammed or frozen shut. Choose small packages of food that you can eat hot or cold.

Suggested food items:

- Raisins in small packets
- Semi-sweet chocolate in pieces for sharing
- Miniature candy bars
- Chewing gum
- Wrapped hard candies
- Food bars
- Canned soup, meat and poultry

Store bulky and heavy items in an accessible place:

- 30-foot cord to use as homing line when you must exit the vehicle
- Booster cables
- Basic tools
- Sand, cat litter or other grit in a plastic milk carton
- Shovel
- Tow cables or chain
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Road flares and reflectors
- Snowmobile suit and heavy boots

Emergency Phone Calls

If you become stranded in any part of Minnesota, and you have a cell phone, call 911 to summon help. In other states, you may be able to dial 911 or 0 to reach an operator. When you talk with authorities:

- Provide information on your location, condition of all persons in the vehicle and the problem you are experiencing
- Follow instructions; you may be told to stay where you are and wait for rescuers
- Do not hang up until you know who you have spoken with and what will happen next
- If you must leave your vehicle, write down your name, address, phone number and destination. Place the piece of paper inside the front windshield for someone to see



**Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Homeland Security and Emergency Management**



LAKEFIELD MN POLICE DEPARTMENT

GRINCHMAS KINDNESS CONTEST



"ENTER TO WIN!"

Rules:

- Answer the following question. *What does kindness mean to you?*
- To be eligible to win, you must be between 4 and 9 years old
- Write your answer down on paper or draw a picture. *It's perfectly fine to ask an adult to help you with your writing.*
- Include your name and phone number on your submission.
- Submit your answer to the LPD before **5 p.m. on December 17th**.
- Submit your answer by mail, email, or deliver in person.
- The winner will be announced on Facebook on December 18th at 7:00 p.m. and by phone.
- Must reside in Lakefield, MN.
- The prize consists of a Paw Patrol Christmas ornament, a Grinch balloon, a book autographed by the L.P.D. officers, a tote bag, a bracelet, a craft kit, a game, and more.

Mail: Lakefield Police Dept. PO Box 900 Lakefield, MN 56150

Email: pdchief@lakefieldmn.com

Hand Deliver: 301 Main Street Lakefield, MN



For example:

Kindness means when you let someone else go first in line.

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**WINNER
ANNOUNCED**



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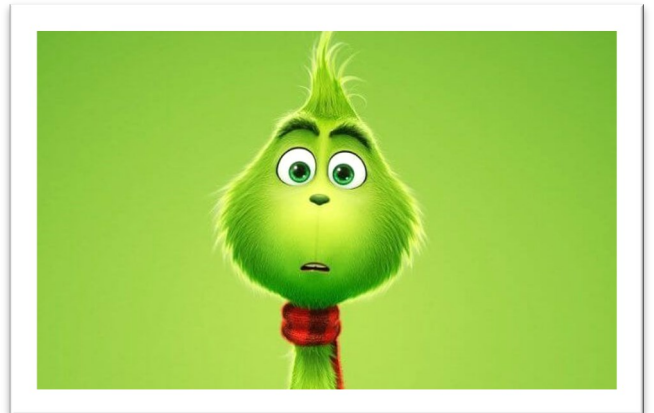
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Slow your scroll: Spot and avoid social media giveaway scams

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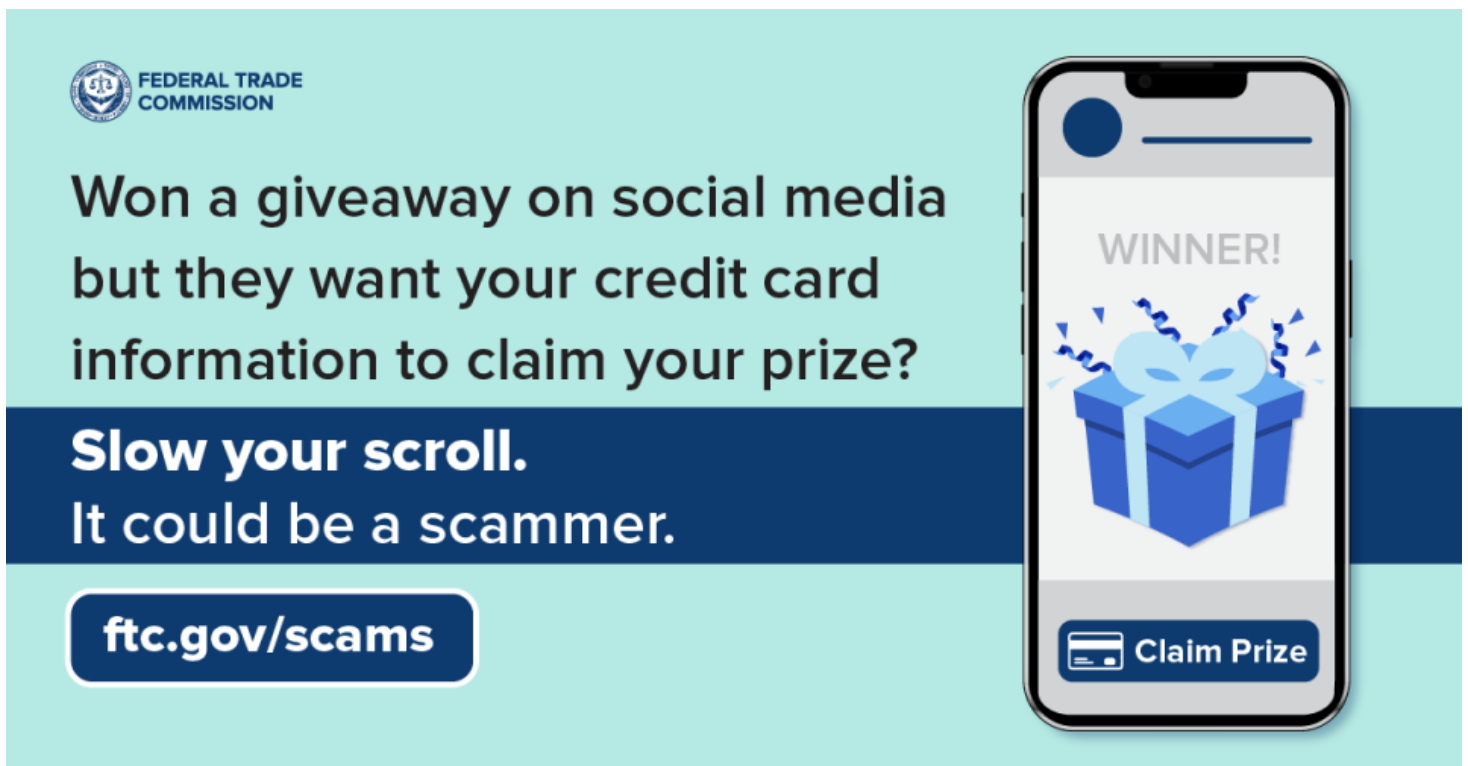
You may have heard us say when you're shopping online, check things out before checkout. The same advice applies to giveaways on social media sites like Facebook and Instagram. Here's why: One in four people who reported losing money to fraud since 2021 said it started on social media. Scammers make it hard to tell what's real and what's fake. Want to avoid scams on your feed? Slow your scroll and keep reading to find out how.


If you follow your favorite businesses on social media to get updates about upcoming events or promotions, you're not the only one. Scammers are watching too — and they may hijack legit businesses' giveaways and promotions to try and get your personal and financial information. Imagine your favorite photographer is giving away a free photo session. You follow the steps to enter — liking their page, tagging a few friends, and sharing the post. Then someone who looks like the business owner tags you in a comment saying that you've won. They send you a link — and ask for financial information — to claim your prize. What's your next step? [Hint: it rhymes with Jaws!]

Before you respond, pause. Don't click on any links since they might contain malware. Then:

Ask yourself: Does this business need information like my credit card number to get this free prize? If it's legit, probably not!

Contact the business using a phone number, email, or website that you know is real. Ask if they really sent the message. If they didn't, report the post and let them know that their account may have been hacked.



 **FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

Won a giveaway on social media but they want your credit card information to claim your prize?

Slow your scroll. It could be a scammer.

ftc.gov/scams

WINNER!

Claim Prize

24 HOUR SAFE LINE



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LIGHT UP LAKEFIELD AT SPARKS PARK

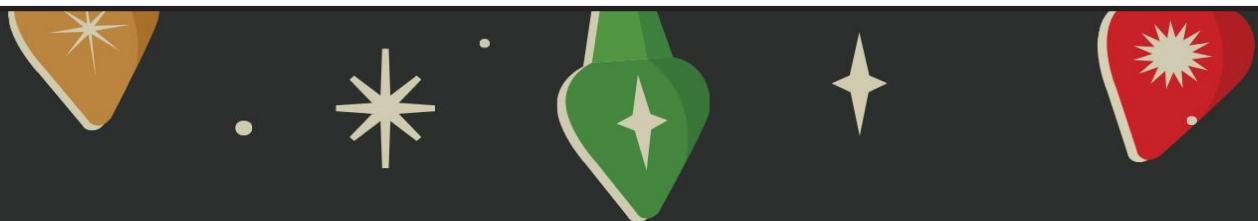


New This Year
Light Up Lakefield
*** at Sparks Park ***

Get ready to experience the twinkle of the holiday season at Sparks Park!

The L.P.D. invites you to check out the police-themed display set up by the Lakefield Police Department. It's a must-see Lakefield attraction that you won't want to miss.

So, mark your calendars and join us for lights and fun!





EMERGENCY PLAN

WATER
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COMMUNICATION
FOOD
PETS
A FAMILY PLAN
A BUSINESS PLAN



LET'S MAKE LAKEFIELD DISASTER RESILIENT

Clip & Save Phone Numbers

For all emergencies
dial **911**

Lakefield Police Dept.
1-507-662-5353

**Jackson County
Dispatch Services**
507-847-4420

**Human Trafficking
Hotline**
1-888-373-7888

Lakefield City Hall
507-662-5457

Suicide & Crisis
988

**Domestic Assault
Victims (SW Crisis Ctr.)**
800-376-4311

**MN SW Crisis Center
24 hour SAFE Line**
800-376-4311

**MN SW Crisis Center
Youth Text Line**
218-666-8336

MN Elder Justice Center
651-440-9312

**Violence Free
Minnesota**
1-800-333-SAFE

**Minnesota Coalition
Against Sexual Assault**
800-964-8847

**The Council for
Prevention of Domestic
Violence**
712-362-4612

**Des Moines Valley Health
and Human
Services**
1-800-662-5207

Jackson Cnty. Court
507-800-7003

Jackson Medical Cntr.
507-847-2420

EMERGENCY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Do 1 Thing is a twelve-month preparedness program that focuses on a different area of emergency preparedness each month.

Do 1 Thing is designed to help people take small steps toward personally preparing for emergencies or disasters.

What residents can do:

Download a 12 month plan

<https://www.do1thing.com/individuals/> and [download a 12 month plan.](#)

What businesses can do:

Download a 12 month plan <https://www.do1thing.com/business/>

Subscribe to Jackson County Emergency Alerts

<https://account.civicplus.com/identity/CivicPlusLogin?signin=ac78cf6f75410930bd08679f85f92e22>

