

Lakefield Police Department Community Update

May 2023



L.P.D. UPDATE

Stay Aware & Stay Safe

YARD OF THE WEEK WINNER SELECTED

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For additional information go to page 4.



CHIEF'S MESSAGE

OPERATING A GOLF CART

Owning a golf cart is one of life's greatest pleasures. But like anything that's fun, a level of safety needs to be recognized. Golf carts aren't just for golfing these days. They're also a convenient way to get around Lakefield; they're big at Summerfest, and other events. And while it can be a lot of fun to drive, it's important to remember that a golf cart is not a toy, and golf cart safety should be taken seriously. Read on for some golf cart rules to help keep you and everyone around you safe.

NO CHILD SHOULD BE DRIVING A GOLF CART.

- (A) No person shall operate a motorized golf cart on streets or alleys without a valid driver's license from this state or another and without obtaining a golf cart permit as provided herein.
- (B) Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the city and shall contain the following information:
- (1) The name and address of the applicant;
 - (2) Model, make, year and serial number of the motorized golf cart;
 - (3) Other information as the city may require.
- (C) The permit fee shall be as set forth by Council ordinance or resolution.
- (D) Permits shall be granted for a period of one year and may be renewed annually January 1 to December 31. City of Lakefield golf cart license plate will be issued for a one-time fee as outlined in the City Fee Schedule, if a duplicate or replacement plate is required, the license plate fee will be applied to cover the cost of replacement. *Continued on page 2*



Golf carts are permitted to operate only on city streets, not state or federal highways,



Roger D. Pohlman



Motorized Golf Carts continued:

(E) No permit shall be granted or renewed unless the following conditions are met:

(1) The applicant must attest that he or she, and any other drivers of the motorized golf cart holds a valid Minnesota driver's license within restrictions as outlined in M.S.S. 171.02; or a valid driver's license issued by another state.

(2) The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes concerning insurance coverage for the golf cart;

(F) Motorized golf carts are permitted to operate only on city streets, not state or federal highways, except to cross at designated intersections.

(G) Motorized golf carts may only be operated on designated roadways from sunrise to sunset. They shall not be operated in inclement weather conditions or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

(H) Motorized golf carts shall display the slow-moving vehicle emblem provided for in M.S. ' 169.522, as it may be amended from time to time, when operated on designated roadways and a current permit plate issued by the City of Lakefield.

(I) Motorized golf carts shall be equipped with a wing-style rear view mirror to provide the driver with adequate vision from behind.

(J) The operator of a motorized golf cart may cross any street or highway intersecting a designated roadway.

(K) Every person operating a permitted motorized golf cart on designated roadways has all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of M.S. Ch. 169, as it may be amended from time to time, except when these provisions cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts and except as otherwise specifically provided in M.S. ' 169.045(7), as it may be amended from time to time.

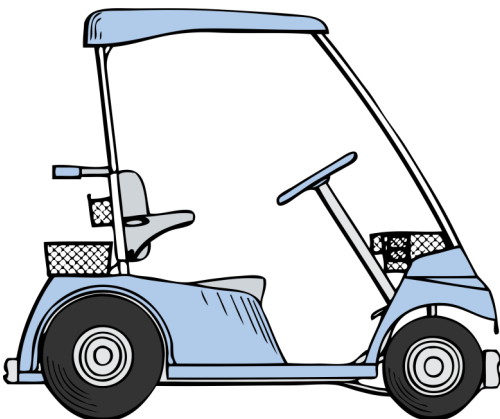
(L) The City Council may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any of the provisions of this section or M.S. Ch. 169, as it may be amended from time to time, or if there is evidence that the permit holder cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart on the designated roadways.

(M) The number of occupants in the golf cart may not exceed the design occupant load.

(N) The operation of motorized golf carts are expressly prohibited on all public bike trails, walking trails, sidewalks and city parks.

(O) An owner of a motorized golf cart may not knowingly allow it to be operated in violation of this section.

(P) This section shall not apply to peace officers using a motorized golf cart in the performance of their official duties, other governmental personnel completing regular maintenance duties and those personnel operating the golf cart in connection with a City Council approved special events permit. REV: 8/8/2022



**To drive a golf cart in Lakefield,
you must possess a valid
Minnesota driver's license of
class A, B, C, or D.**



GOLF CART & ATVS

CHAPTER 72



- All golf carts and ATVs must apply for permit.
- No person shall operate a motorized golf cart on streets or alleys without a valid driver's license from this state or another and without obtaining a permit as provided herein.
- Hours for use are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Motorized golf carts are permitted to operate only on city streets, not state or federal highways, except to cross at designated intersections.

Go to www.lakefieldmn.com to learn more, or call 507-662-5457 if you have questions.



Don't forget your slow moving sign.



Golf Cart / ATV Permit Request



City of Lakefield Golf Cart / ATV Permit Request

New Application Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ Plate Number: _____

Insurance Company / Policy Number: _____

Office Use Only:

Permit Fee: _____

Fee paid: _____ (initial)

Permit Issued By: _____

Vehicle Information

Golf Cart ATV (4-wheeler, etc.) Side-by-Side Other: _____

Make/Model: _____ Year: _____

Serial Number: _____ Color: _____

By signing below, you are acknowledging the following:

- It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow Ordinance Chapter 72
- Only those with a VALID driver's license are allowed to operate a motorized vehicle on City streets
- You are over the age of 18
- YOU are the party responsible for this vehicle and plate and you will not knowingly allow this vehicle to be operated in violation of Ordinance Chapter 72
- Golf carts MUST have a slow moving vehicle emblem attached to the rear of the cart and CANNOT be operated on Hwy 86, Co Rd 14 (Mill Rd), or Co Rd 20 (Okabena Rd) other than to cross them
- ATVs and side-by-sides are only authorized to operate on Hwy 86, Co Rd 14 (Mill Rd), or Co Rd 20 (Okabena Rd) if permitted by the State of Minnesota and/or Jackson County
- Any permitted vehicle may only be operated on designated roadways from sunrise to sunset, unless equipped with original equipment headlights, taillights and rear-facing brake lights. They may not be operated during hours of reduced visibility or inclement weather or conditions that prevent the operator from clearly seeing and vehicles on the road way at a distance of 500 feet.

Signature: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Submit

Celebrate National Bike Month



Safety education

We all must take responsibility to follow the law, pay attention and share the road to keep everyone safe.

When driving

- Be patient when passing a bicyclist - slow down and pass only when it's safe. Allow clearance of at least three feet.
- Look before you merge - check mirrors and blind spots before changing lanes.
- Be on the lookout - watch for and yield to bicyclists before making a turn.
- Use extra caution around young bicyclists - children's movements can be unpredictable.
- Be respectful - don't speed past a bicyclist to make an upcoming right turn. It's easy to misjudge how fast bicyclists are traveling.
- Exit your vehicle safely - look for bicyclists before opening your car door.
- Think before you honk - honking may startle a bicyclist and cause a crash.
- Stay alert and avoid distracted driving

When bicycling

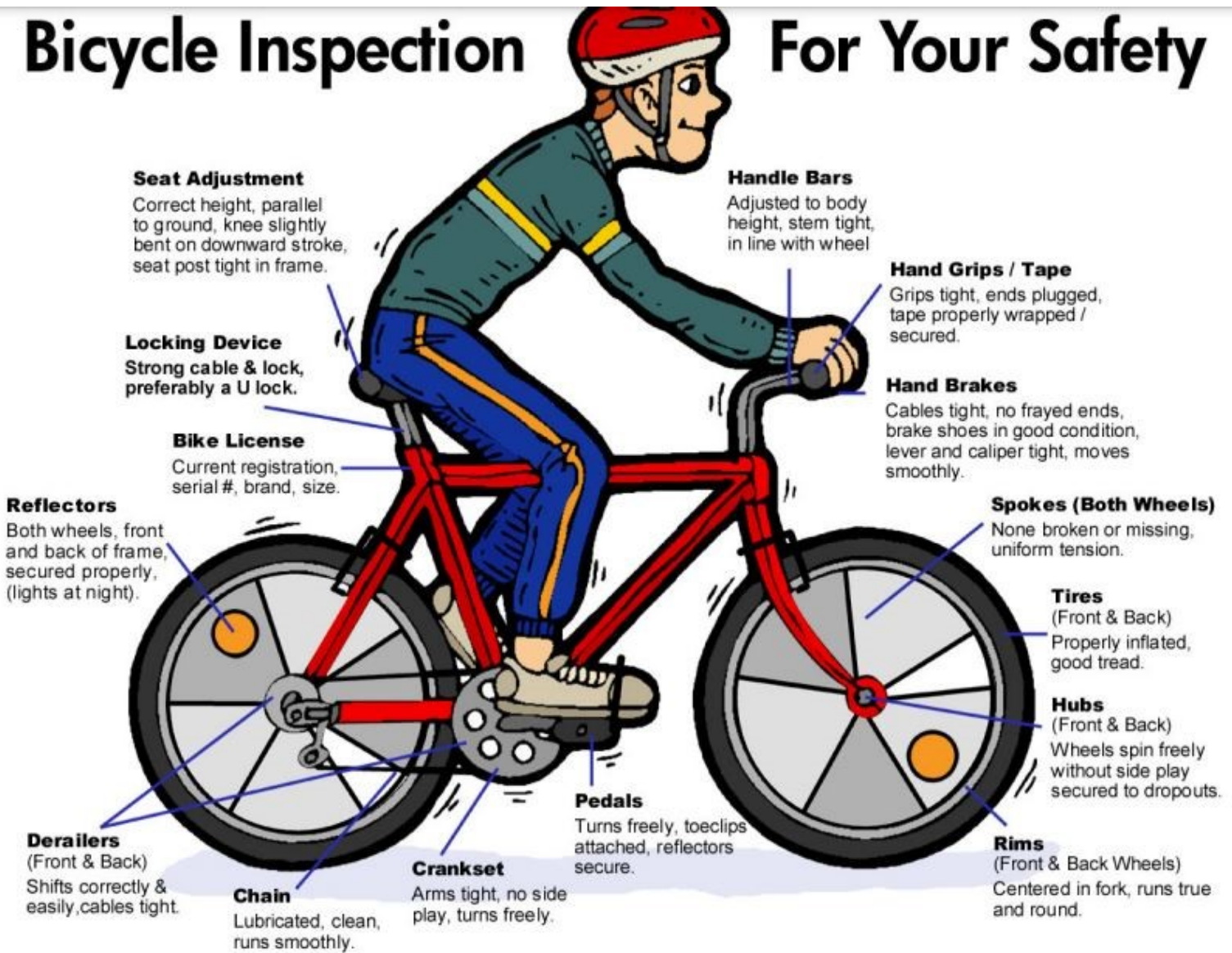
- Follow the law - obey all traffic signs and signals. Ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Ride predictable - maintain a straight course and avoid weaving between parked cars.
- Communicate your intent - look, yield to traffic and signal before turning or changing lanes.
- Use extreme caution near commercial vehicles - pass only on the left and recognize drivers' blind spots.
- See and be seen - wear bright colors, reflective gear and use head and tail lights.
- Protect yourself - wear a helmet.
- Stick to roads and trails - sidewalk riding puts you at risk for crashes at driveways and intersections. Always yield to pedestrians.
- Avoid distracted bicycling - put away mobile devices and headphones.

www.dot.state.mn.us/bike/safety-education.html



Bicycle Inspection

For Your Safety



	Needs Repair	OK
Brakes		
Cable tight	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brake shoes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Levers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Calipers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drive Train		
Cables tight	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shifts correctly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No side play	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spins freely	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Front Wheel		
Rims true & round	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spokes missing/loose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tire Tread	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secured safely	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chain		
Clean	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lubed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Needs Repair	OK
Safety Features		
Proper Reflectors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Headlight (night riding)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
License	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lock & cable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helmet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handlebars, Seat		
Adjusted Correctly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attached Securely	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Headset moves freely	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tape/grip properly attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rear Wheel		
Rims true & round	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spokes missing/loose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tire Tread	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secured safely	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

YARD OF THE WEEK— MAY 1, 2023 WINNER

The Yard of the Week award has been granted by the Lakefield Police Department to the Hendrickson's located at 605 Milwaukee Street. We appreciate their contribution to making our community a more beautiful place to live.

Nomination(s) can be made by emailing pdchief@lakefieldmn.com.



YARD OF THE WEEK STARTING THIS MONTH

The Lakefield Police Department Launches *'Keep Lakefield Beautiful'* Program

Get Ready, Get Set, and Beautify!

We are excited to announce the Keep Lakefield Beautiful Program, the 'Yard of the Week' program, recognizing residents who strive to beautifully maintain their lawns and add to the overall appeal of the Lakefield community.

Keep Lakefield Beautiful is established to promote goodwill and reward lawn care in the community. The purpose of the program is to recognize neighbors who demonstrate average and above-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at large.

For the months of **May 1, 2023, through October 31, 2023**, the Lakefield Police Department will choose a lawn that best typifies the qualities of uniqueness, beauty, appeal, and consistency with the guidelines. In addition, the Committee will select one residential yard every Monday. The winner will be provided with a decorative flag to display, indicating their yard as a **"Yard of the Week"** winner. Also, a photo of the yard will be shared on the city's website, social media accounts and submitted to the Lakefield Standard.

Yard of the Week Guidelines

All residential properties within the city limits are automatically eligible. Award winners are selected based on the recommended judging criteria listed below.

- Key criteria include manicured yard, beautification, originality, and creativity.
- The upkeep of the yard can reflect the residents' efforts or that of a professional landscaper groundskeeper.
- An award duration term lasts a single calendar week and runs from Monday to Sunday.
- The same property cannot receive more than one award in a 12-month calendar period. At least 12 months must lapse between awards for the same yard.
- While an individual's home is being recognized as a **"Yard of the Week,"** they are expected to maintain their yard in the same manner that allowed them to win the title.



JUDGING CRITERIA:

The Lakefield Police Department will judge solely on the total exterior appearance of their property. Therefore, general upkeep of the yard and property is paramount. Factors include the overall appearance, tidiness, and neatness of the front of the property as evidenced by pruned, trimmed, and shaped foliage, edged and defined lawns, borders & flower beds and a visually appealing facade. Each yard will be chosen from the nominations given to the Lakefield Police Department or an officer's choice. Nominations are encouraged and can be made by emailing pdchief@lakefieldmn.com.

LAWN: Grass should be healthy with no bare spots or excessive weeds. Grass shall be mowed and trimmed around foundations and fences. Debris shall be picked up and removed. A unified, simple, balanced landscape design is preferred.

LANDSCAPE & FLOWER BEDS: Beds shall be weeded and edged, flowers must be deadheaded and dead plants removed, trees and shrubs pruned, and natural areas clean. Beautification efforts should include new plants, flowers, trees, shrubs, etc.

WALKWAYS & DRIVEWAYS: Walkways and driveways shall be clean (including trash containers or yard products removed from view). The area in front of the curb must be free from debris and dirt. The appearance after dusk includes accent, safety, and visible interior lighting, if applicable.

AESTHETICS: The overall look of landscaping (formal versus informal, use of color and textures, garden art) is essential. The front entryway should be inviting, with original and creative touches to show personality (hanging baskets, pots, yard art, bird feeders, etc.)

The Lakefield Police Department is dedicated to improving our community's quality of life and appearance. We encourage residents to take pride in their homes and neighborhood. In turn, we look to celebrate those who do a superior job in keeping their yards in such a way that they enhance the overall curb appeal of the entire community.

Nomination(s) can be made by emailing pdchief@lakefieldmn.com.

Ready, Set, buy your bulbs!



Tornadoes are violently rotating columns of air that extend from a thunderstorm to the ground. Tornadoes can destroy buildings, flip cars, and create deadly flying debris.

A tornado can:

- Happen anytime and anywhere.
- Bring intense winds, over 200 miles per hour.

Look like funnels.

- **Know the signs of a tornado**, including a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud, an approaching cloud of debris, or a loud roar like a freight train.

Sign up for your community's warning system. NOAA Weather Radio also provide [emergency alerts](#). If your community has sirens, then become familiar with the warning tone.

- **Pay attention to weather reports.** Meteorologists can predict when conditions might be right for a tornado. KKOJ radio 97.7 FM 1190 AM

Identify and practice going to a safe shelter such as a [safe room built using FEMA criteria](#) or a storm shelter built to ICC 500 standards. The next best protection is a small, interior, windowless room or basement on the lowest level of a sturdy building.

Plan for your pet. They are an important member of your family, so they need to be included in your family's emergency plan.

Prepare for long-term stay at home or sheltering in place by gathering [emergency supplies](#), cleaning supplies, non-perishable [foods](#), [water](#), medical supplies and medication.

- **Immediately go to a safe location that you have identified.**
- **Pay attention to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, or local alerting systems** for current emergency information and instructions.
- **Protect yourself** by covering your head or neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around or on top of you.

Do not try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle if you are in a car. If you are in a car or outdoors and cannot get to a building, cover your head and neck with your arms and cover your body with a coat or blanket, if possible.

Learn more: <https://www.ready.gov/tornadoes>



SOUTHWEST CRISIS CENTER www.swcc.org (print & save)

The Southwest Crisis Center exists to support individuals impacted by sexual and domestic violence and human trafficking.

The SWCC provides direct services to primary and secondary survivors and victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, sexual harassment, stalking, and child abuse. We are the initial contact for victims in crisis through our 24-hour safe line as well as through referrals from law enforcement, medical personnel, court administration, and other agencies such as churches, health and human service groups, and mental health centers; many victims also “walk-in.”

There is no age limitations on services. We also have a youth program which is designed to provide services, outreach, and education to youth, families, schools, and communities.

We serve residents of **Jackson, Cottonwood, Nobles, Rock, and Pipestone counties** who are or have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, sexual harassment, stalking, and child abuse.

Our primary purpose is to serve any and all victims who seek our services (unless a conflict of interest is present) but we also serve victims who have immigrant and refugee status (English and non-English speaking). We will give information and/or referrals if individuals do not meet our criteria for services.

24 HOUR SAFE LINE

1.800.376.4311

YOUTH TEXT LINE

218.666.8336



SCAMS OF THE MONTH

Fake Check Scams

While these scams take a variety of forms, they typically begin when the scam artist sends you a real-looking check that is actually fake. You are instructed to deposit or cash the “check” and send some amount of money back to the scam artist or a third person. After the money is sent, the check bounces. By then, the money is generally lost for good. If you receive a check from someone you do not know, and that person asks you to send back some portion of the proceeds from the check, use extreme caution. You are almost certainly being targeted by a fake check scam. For more information on these types of scams, read our flyer entitled Fake Check Scams.

LEARN MORE: <https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Consumer/Publications/FakeCheckScam.asp>

1. Cashier’s checks are NOT the same as cash!

Just because the money appears to be available in your account doesn’t mean that the check has cleared and is legitimate. Counterfeit cashier’s checks can look very authentic. The bank may still bounce the check if it’s a forgery!

2. Avoid foreign lotteries.

Foreign lotteries are always illegal! If you didn’t enter the lottery, you didn’t win. Do not believe claims that you need to pay to “collect your winnings.”

3. Do not wire money to strangers!

Many people mistakenly think that wire transfers, like personal checks, can be canceled at anytime. This is not true. If you wire money via Western Union or MoneyGram, it’s impossible to retrieve the money once it’s picked up at the other end. Because it can be picked up anywhere in the world, the money is virtually untraceable. Once money is wired overseas, United States law enforcement agencies may have little recourse in recovering lost funds.

4. Beware of overseas buyers.

Never wire money to someone you don’t know overseas!

5. Always be wary of someone who wants to pay more than your asking price.

A deal that sounds too good to be true probably is.

6. Be wary of “third parties” or “agents.”

If a third party is actually owed any money, their client should be making the payment, not you. Do not wire money to a third party!

7. Attempt to locate the source of the check and verify its legitimacy by contacting the issuing bank.

Do not use the contact information that appears on the check. Do a little leg work and obtain the contact information independently through legitimate directories.

8. Know what you are selling and be realistic.

If you are having trouble selling your old 1990 Ford Taurus locally, ask yourself why someone from England would be so intent on buying it from you and shipping it halfway around the world. Similarly, ask yourself why someone in Nigeria would want to buy your old snowmobile.

9. Don’t be rushed.

If someone really wants to do business with you, they will wait until you are ready to make a legitimate transaction. Furthermore, if an individual wishes to make changes to the terms of the transaction, such as where and how the payment is sent, do not let your eagerness to complete the transaction blind you to potential problems.

10. If it sounds too good to be true—it probably is!





EMERGENCY PLAN

WATER
MEDICATION
COMMUNICATION
FOOD
PETS
A FAMILY PLAN
A BUSINESS PLAN



LET'S MAKE LAKEFIELD DISASTER RESILIENT

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>

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 Line
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

