

Policy Number/Title: 4.123 Inclement Weather
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Responsible Office: Winthrop University Police Department

1. Scope:

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2. Definitions:

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3. Policy:

In the event of hazardous weather, students, faculty, and staff should check their university e-mail or the university Web site, www.winthrop.edu for the most up-to-date information related to class and office schedules. Should you **not** have access to e-mail, the Web, or other information, call the campus alert line, **803/323-2222**. **Please do not call Campus Police for closing information, as this will tie up phone lines that may be needed for an emergency.**

Members of the Winthrop community should use their discretion in judging the safety of traveling to the university during periods of inclement weather.

If a weather incident requires cancelling classes on a weekend, there is a separate policy for that event. Check the Hazardous Weather and Emergency Leave policy for details to help faculty/staff determine how inclement weather affects the work schedule.

Faculty, staff, and students can register cell or landline phone numbers for emergency notification via WU-Alert. This number will be used by the university for critical notifications in the event of emergencies, critical weather, or unplanned university closings. Registration is made here: <http://asap.winthrop.edu/cellphone/>

4. Procedures:

Communications:



Winthrop University may communicate with the campus community by any of the following means:

1. ALERTUS Notification System — Beacons within campus buildings, also includes instant messaging system for the campus' networked computers
2. WU Alert — Blackboard Connect text/SMS and voice messages for all subscribers
3. E-mail — Messages to faculty/staff/student distribution lists
4. Web — Updates on www.winthrop.edu and detailed information on www.winthrop.edu/emergency
5. Campus Alert Line — Recorded message on 803/323-2222 with detailed information, primarily for individuals without access to a mobile device, computer, etc.
6. Face to Face — Direct contact by emergency responders
7. Runner — Group contact by individuals moving from area to area
8. Media — Communication via local radio and television stations

5. Resources:

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6. History of Revisions:

08/06/2025	Minor Revisions
09/01/2000	Minor Revisions
01/01/2000	Policy first established