

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mott Community College

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Special Points of Interest:

- *Thunderstorm Safety*
- *Car Seat Check Points*
- *Wireless Amber Alerts*

HOW FAR AWAY IS THAT THUNDERSTORM?

You can make a rough estimate of how far a storm is away from you by looking for lightning and listening for thunder. A stroke of lightning causes a clap of thunder. You can usually see the lightning first, since light travels faster than sound. After you see the lightning, count the number of seconds until you hear the thunder. Divide the number of seconds by 5. The answer to that is the approximate number of miles away that the storm is from you.

Example—You see the lightning and count 10 seconds to when you hear the thunder. Divide 10 by 5 and the storm is 2 miles away from

you.

Remember though, if you hear thunder, it was caused by lightning and that puts you at risk for being struck by lightning. Seek shelter! Stay indoors or in your automobile. If you're outside, unable to get inside, find a ditch or crouch down in the open, keeping 15 feet between you and another person. This will minimize your attraction to lightning.

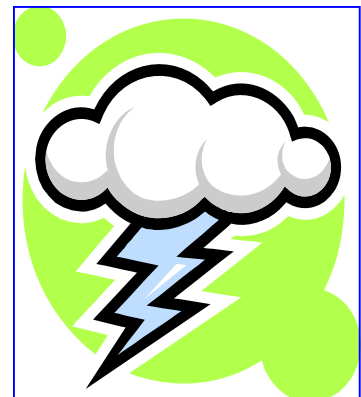
Severe Weather Definitions from ABC12:

- * Severe Thunderstorm Watch: Conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms in and close

to the watch area. Watches are usually issued hours before weather threatens. It is time to prepare for severe weather.

- * Severe Thunderstorm Warning: Issued when a thunderstorm produces winds which equal or exceed 58 mph and/or hail 3/4 of an inch or larger in diameter.

Severe thunderstorms have killed more people in Michigan than tornadoes. All thunderstorms can be a potential threat. Know your daily forecast and keep an eye, and ear, on the sky!



If you hear thunder then you're at risk of being struck by lightning.
Seek Shelter!

CAR SEAT CHECK

05/16/09

Saturday

State Farm

3101 Linden Rd.

Flint

05/23/09

Saturday

Kohl's

G6300 S. Saginaw

Grand Blanc



Call—We can help!

- * Campus **Emergency**

810-762-5666

- * Non-Emergency

810-762-0222

- * Campus Closing

810-232-8989

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WIRELESS AMBER ALERTS

The first three hours after a child's abduction are the most critical to recovery efforts. That small window of time prompted the creation of the AMBER Alert program. Initially it was based on radio communications but just as everything else technologically advances, so has this program. Wireless AMBER Alerts are text messages sent to subscribers as soon as local law enforcement releases an AMBER Alert. Important information

about the child or any known information about the abductors or the vehicle are included. If your cell phone is capable of receiving text messages and your wireless carrier is a participant in the program than you can sign up to receive Wireless AMBER Alerts. Alltel, AT&T, Cricket, MetroPCS, Sprint and Verizon are all participating wireless carriers and there is no cost to sign up or to receive the text!

During the sign up proc-

ess you provide your zip code, or up to 5 zip codes for a broader range of coverage, and you will receive only those AMBER Alerts released for your area to which you subscribed. Visit www.wirelessamberalerts.org for more information.

By signing up for Wireless AMBER Alerts you could play an integral role in the recovery of an abducted child.



Happy Mother's Day



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

“Climb from where you are. Take the step that is next above you and wait for the one beyond to be revealed in its time. The ladder reaches somewhere, believe and climb.”

- George Landor Perin