

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR WISCONSIN DELLS/LAKE DELTON

Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton emergency departments consist of the police - who investigate crimes and are responsible for traffic and ordinance enforcement, the fire department, and the emergency medical service (EMS).

As a visitor to the United States you are subject to all local, state and federal laws. Please keep this in mind and make sound decisions throughout your program.

Tip: You CAN trust the police! They are here to help you if you are a victim of a crime, including theft.

In case of an EMERGENCY:

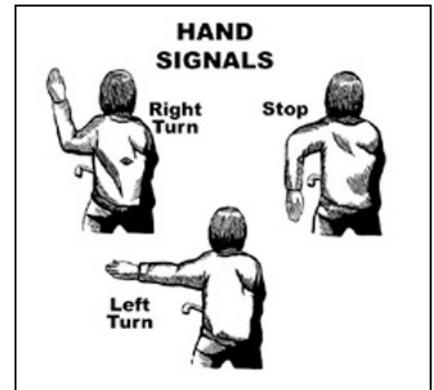
- Dial 911 (from any phone).
- Know where you are and what the problem is.
- Speak clearly (in English).

When contacted by Law Enforcement (Police):

- Have photo identification ready (even if it's from your home country).
- Have current contact info: work, landlord, email, cell phone, sponsor info.
- If you are arrested you are REQUIRED to contact your sponsor.

VEHICLE SAFETY & LAWS

- For information about driving in the United States, visit www.usa.gov and www.dot.wisconsin.gov.
- Seatbelt use is REQUIRED. Make sure ALL occupants are wearing seat belts!
- Vehicle insurance is REQUIRED.
- Drivers are expected to know and obey all Wisconsin Traffic Laws.
- You MUST have legal authority to drive in Wisconsin.
 - License from your country.
 - International Driver's Permit.
- Vehicle MUST be registered with the Wisconsin Department Of Transportation (DOT).
- License plates are issued by the DOT or the Wisconsin Dells Police Dept. Temporary plates must be used until your issued plates arrive.
- Make sure your vehicle is 'road worthy' and meets WI DOT requirements (ex: lights, mirrors, mufflers.)
- Always yield to people in a crosswalk.
- NEVER drive while intoxicated or under the influence of prescription drugs.
- It is suggested that you do not use your cell phone while driving and texting is strictly prohibited.
- Recognize the motorcycle/bicycle hand signals (see diagram above).



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY & LAWS

- Yield to traffic when crossing the road.
- Cross the road only at marked crosswalks. Pedestrians are required to use the sidewalk where it is available, rather than walking in the road.
- If you must walk in the road, walk as far over on the shoulder as possible and walk facing traffic, not with it.
- Pedestrians and bicycles are not allowed on interstate highways.
- No sudden movement into traffic.
- Hitchhiking is prohibited in the U.S. and is very dangerous.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing - especially at night.
- Do not use your cell phone while walking, except to talk.

Tip: Failure to follow these laws can result in fines, so please follow the laws.

BICYCLE SAFETY & LAWS

- Obey traffic laws the same as you would in a car.
- Wear a helmet.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing - especially at night.

- Walk your bike when crossing the road.
- Must use lights (white=front and red reflector=rear) when riding at night.
- Keep bikes locked whenever possible.
- Register your bike with your local police department so it can be returned if stolen (see web sites below).
- Bicycles and skateboards are prohibited on the sidewalks of downtown Wisconsin Dells or where there are bike lanes available. However, riding your bicycle on Hwy 12 when there are not bicycle lanes is prohibited and bikers are required to use the sidewalks.
- Pedestrians and bicycles are not allowed on interstate highways.

Bicycle registration website:

www.wdpc.com

Bicycle safety websites:

www.bicyclesafe.com and www.nhtsa.gov

GENERAL SAFETY TIPS

Keep Valuables Safe

- Secure valuables in a lock box, or safe (passport, \$, and other items).
- Use a bike lock whenever possible.
- Don't leave personal identifying information (passport, etc.) unattended.
- Don't allow other people to cash your checks or use your bank account.
- Write down serial numbers of valuable items. This helps police identify owners, if items are recovered.
- Put personal identifying marks on items.

Ways to Avoid Problems

- Obey Wisconsin's alcohol drinking age of 21. Drinking or purchasing alcohol for anyone under 21 is prohibited.
- You must be 21 to enter bars, nightclubs or purchase alcohol. Photo ID is required.
- Keep noise and music to a minimum after 9 pm; excessive noise is prohibited.
- Become familiar with the area and street names.
- No open intoxicants in public or in vehicles, even if you are a passenger.
- Carry a photo ID card and make copies of your passport and carry those copies.
- Wisconsin ID card is recommended as your photo ID card so you can keep your passport in a safe place.
- Carry your sponsor card with insurance info at all times.
- Don't walk alone.
- Don't wear dark clothes at night.
- Be aware that harassment and assault laws are very strict in the U.S.
- Nudity in public areas is prohibited.
- Disorderly conduct is prohibited. Disorderly conduct is acting in a manner that disturbs the peace of others or refusing to obey the lawful order of a police officer.
- Urinating in public is considered disorderly conduct and is against the law.
- National Crime Prevention Council: www.ncpc.org

SWIMMING SAFETY TIPS

- Do not swim in the Wisconsin River, it has very dangerous undercurrents.
- Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- Always swim with a friend or friends; do not allow anyone to swim alone. Even at a public pool or a lifeguarded beach, use the buddy system!
- Enroll in age-appropriate Red Cross water orientation and Learn-to-Swim courses.
- If you go boating, wear a life jacket! Most boating fatalities occur from drowning.
- Avoid alcohol use. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance and coordination; affects swimming and diving skills; and reduces the body's ability to stay warm.

Most of this information is from the American Red Cross web site.