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## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

**S**IU is committed to fostering an environment in which all members of our campus community are safe, and secure. This commitment includes our responsibility to do everything we can to ensure children grow up in safe and loving homes.

**APRIL** is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, Hospital Sisters Health System, the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children, elected officials, and more have prepared a month long observance and scheduled multiple events state wide to help raise awareness on this important topic.

In 2023, DCFS received more than 231,500 calls to their child abuse and neglect hotline. As a result, 4,089 families received support allowing youth to remain safe at home. On April 5th, you are encouraged to wear blue and post pictures on social media, tagging ILLINOIS DCSF.

To report suspected child abuse or neglect, visit the DCFS Online Reporting System at <https://childabuse.illinois.gov>. In an emergency, call the DCFS Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE. Calls and online reports may be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### **Upcoming Local Events:**

*Carterville-Press Conference  
Monday, April 1 @ 1:00p.m.  
JALC, Building H Atrium*

*Watch live stream: [www.facebook.com/preventchildabuseillinois/](http://www.facebook.com/preventchildabuseillinois/)*

## SIU Campus Resources

### [SIU Police](#)

618-453-3771

### [Parking Division](#)

618-453-5369

### [Counseling Center](#)

618-453-5371

### [Wellness Center](#)

618-536-4441

## Student Health Services

618-453-3311

### [Night Safety Transit](#)

618-453-2212

## Carbondale Resources

### [Carbondale Police](#)

618-457-3200

Survivor Empowerment

618-549-4807

### [Memorial Hospital](#)

618-549-0721

[Crime Prevention & Programs](#)

[Report Suspicious Activity](#)

[Campus Emergency](#)

[Response Guide](#)

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# SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS: TORNADOES

## Watches and Warnings

- A severe weather **watch** means that conditions are right for severe weather to occur during the watch period.
- A severe weather **warning** means severe weather is imminent. Seek shelter right now.



### You are outside with no shelter

- Immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt, and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter.
- Take cover in a stationary vehicle. Put the seat belt on and cover your head with your arms and a blanket, coat, or other cushion if possible.
- Lie in an area noticeably lower than the level of the roadway and cover your head with your arms and a blanket, coat, or other cushion if possible.
- Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location.

### You are in a structure (e.g. residence, small building, school, or high-rise building)

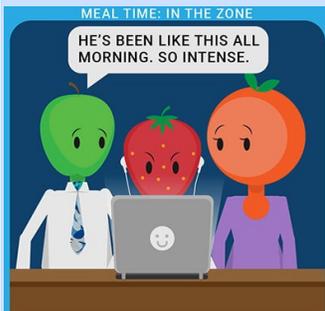
- Go to a pre-designated area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of a small interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- In a high-rise building, go to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor possible.
- Put on sturdy shoes.
- Do not open windows.

To receive alerts via text message or at a non-siu.edu email address, you must make sure your information is in the system.

[View Student Instructions](#)

[View Employee Instructions](#)

## April Comic Strip



Picture and information from <https://www.ready.gov/tornadoes>

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**O**n Monday, April 8, 2024 at approximately 1:59 p.m., Carbondale will experience a total solar eclipse. A solar eclipse is an astronomical phenomenon in which the moon passes in between the Sun and Earth, unveiling a solar corona as the Moon’s shadow crosses the Earth. The second total solar eclipse over the U.S. since 1979 will reach its point of greatest duration right here in Carbondale. The partial phases of the eclipse will begin at 12:43 p.m. and end at 3:18 p.m.

The Department of Public Safety, along with various other on-campus departments and outside organizations, have been responsible for the strategic planning of the eclipse on campus. DPS has partnered with multiple agencies to ensure all safety and security measures are in place prior to the event. The centerlines of totality for the eclipse intersects over Carbondale. Saluki Stadium is the focal point of the eclipse observation event, where the public is invited to a guided eclipse experience.

Guests will see the eclipse happening live overhead while watching and participating in a variety of edutainment activities developed in conjunction with our partners, including NASA Edge, the Adler Planetarium, and other related groups.

**What should I look for in a Total Solar Eclipse?** You will look for elements such as the solar corona, baily’s beads, shadow bands, prominences, diamond ring, the chromosphere, not to mention the breath taking twilight around the horizon. With clear skies, you should be able to see several planets as well.

**What does this mean for students?** Classes that day will be canceled but the university will be open. Students with on-campus jobs are being advised to report to work as scheduled unless other arrangements have been made with supervisors. Students are urged to get out, volunteer, and participate in the exciting events and activities on campus.

For more information regarding the events and parking locations related to the eclipse, [click here](#)





# flowbird.

mobile parking

Southern Illinois University Carbondale Department of Public Safety Parking Division allows clients to utilize an app to pay for parking in pay station locations across campus.

The application is called *Flowbird*. The Flowbird mobile phone app can be downloaded from the App Store onto an iPhone or from the Google Play Store onto an Android device.

Flowbird allows you to pay for parking in 3 simple steps:

1. Select Location
2. Choose Duration
3. Confirm Payment

To pay for parking with *flowbird*, you simply open the app on your phone, select your vehicle, select the parking location, enter your space number, and choose the amount of time you wish to park. When your parking session is about to expire, the application can send a reminder via text message.

With *flowbird* you can extend a parking reservation from anywhere.

Benefits of flowbird:

- Get fast and free access to the easy-to-use parking app.
- GPS is used to automatically identify where you are parked
- Receive smart notifications during your parking sessions.
- Pay only for actual parking time

## MEET A DISPATCHER



Telecommunicator

Eric Smith