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Check sources for info on weather-related closings

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OU will announce an official closing if the university finds weather conditions hazardous for travel to and from campus, or when utility failure or other contingency prevents the normal and safe operation of the university. During official closings, all scheduled classes, athletic and other special events are canceled; all university offices are closed; and official university operations cease, though specific exceptions may be authorized as directed by appropriate university officials. The decision to close is made upon advice from facilities management and OU police and in consultation with the university president.

Students, faculty and staff are advised to refer to the following sources to learn whether the university has declared an official closing:

- Call the Oakland University school closing hotline at (248) 370-2000. A tape-recorded message will be carried on the system, which can handle 52 calls at one time.
- Check the home page of the Oakland University Web site at www.oakland.edu.
- Tune in to the following TV and radio stations for school closing listings:
 - WJBK-TV FOX 2
 - WDIV-TV Channel 4
 - WXYZ-TV Channel 7
 - WJR AM 760
 - WWJ AM 950

Please do not telephone the Oakland University Police Department or switchboard. OU police dispatchers are expected to be available to receive communications of an emergency nature and to stay in communication with patrol vehicles.

Extension center classes will not be held if the school district in which the center resides has canceled classes. Students should monitor the sources of information listed above to learn whether classes are canceled at OU's extension centers.

For more information about weather-related closings, please refer to the **Oakland University Emergency Information** Web page or the **university closing policy** contained on the **Oakland University Administrative Policies and Procedures** Web site.

SUMMARY

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