

Independent Living

Franklin County DSS

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AS OF 1/20/09 OUR OFFICE WILL BE LOCATED AT
139 EAST COURT STREET
ROCKY MOUNT, VA 24151

WHAT TO DO AFTER AN AUTO ACCIDENT (STATE FARM WEB-SITE)

AUTO ACCIDENTS ARE UNEXPECTED AND STRESSFUL. EVEN THE MOST CAREFUL DRIVERS MAY BE INVOLVED.

Prepare the trunk of your car for a possible accident as well by making sure you have a set of cones, warning triangles or emergency flares. **Make sure you also have:**

- A pen
- A card with relevant medical information for you and your family.

What to do after an auto accident:

1. Stay as calm as possible.
2. Check for injuries. Life and health are more important than damage to vehicles. When in doubt, call an ambulance.
3. If the accident is minor and there are no serious injuries, move cars to a safe place, rather than risk being in moving traffic.
4. Turn on hazard lights. If warranted, and possible,

use cones, warning triangles or flares for safety.

5. Call the police, even if the accident is minor.
6. Notify your insurance agent about the accident immediately.
7. Don't sign any document unless it is for the police or [your insurance agent](#)
8. Make immediate notes about the accident including the specific damages to all vehicles involved. If the name on the auto registration and/or insurance policy is different from the name of the driver, establish the relationship and jot it down. Get witness information, if possible, as well.
9. Be polite, but don't tell the other drivers or the police that the accident was your fault, even if you think it was. Likewise, do not accuse the

other drivers of being at fault at this time. Everyone is usually shaken up immediately after an accident, and it is wise to state only the facts. Limit your discussion of the accident to the insurance agent and the police. Even if the facts are embarrassing or detrimental to you, be truthful.

10. If you have a camera handy, and it is safe to do so, it may be helpful to photograph the accident scene.
11. If possible, do not leave the accident scene before the police officers and other drivers do.
12. Finally, remember that while getting the facts is very important, investigating the accident should be left to the police officers and the insurance companies.

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UPCOMING IL EVENTS:

- Thursday, January 22nd at 7:00—Financial Aid Workshop at Franklin County High School
- Friday, January 23rd to Sunday, January 25th—YAC
- Saturday, January 24th from 11-2—Taxes Training at the Franklin Center
- Saturday, January 31st from 10-2 Super Saturday at PHCC



COMMON ACADEMIC QUESTIONS (VIRGINIA WESTERN CC WEB-SITE)

What does my academic standing mean? Academic Standing is an indication of your current progress toward completion of your program of study. At the end of each semester, an academic standing is assigned. Academic Standing has many levels. All students start with Good Standing, but continued poor progress can lead to other standing levels, each with its own implications for your progress toward completion of your Program.

Virginia Western informs students of their academic standing after grades have been posted at the end of each term. Students are expected to maintain a 2.0 (C) grade point average to be making normal academic progress toward graduation.

The college and FCDSS expect you to maintain a MINIMUM of 2.0 GPA.

What if I quit showing up for a class that I am enrolled in?

Students must either attend their face-to-face courses or demonstrate participation in their distance learning courses by the last date to drop for a refund or they

will be reported to the Admissions Office and withdrawn as no-show students. **In this case, there will be no refund of tuition in the course, and the student will not be allowed to attend/participate in the class or submit assignments.** Failure to attend or participate in a course may adversely impact a student's financial aid award.

How do I withdraw from a class? A grade of W is awarded to students who withdraw or are withdrawn from a course after the drop period but prior to the completion of 60 percent of the session. Withdrawal deadlines are published in the General Catalog and each term in the Schedule of Classes. Students who cease attendance prior to the withdrawal deadline for a class will be reported to the Admissions Office and withdrawn from the class. Students who stop attending or participating in a course after the withdrawal deadline will receive a grade of

"F".

There will be no refund of tuition or reinstatement in the course once a student has been withdrawn. Financial aid recipients who receive all "W" or "F" grades in their courses will incur an outstanding tuition debt to the college and will be blocked from future enrollments.

More information from Patti:

Academic Warning, Academic Probation, Academic Suspension all mean that your progress academically is not acceptable and your GPA is more than likely under a 2.0. You are usually given a semester's warning to pull your grades up before asked to take a break from college. If you are in any of the above mentioned standings, FCDSS does not consider that making progress and a Court hearing may be held about your future in foster care.

In order to continue receiving financial aid, you must complete and pass AT LEAST 66% of all attempted classes. "R", "F", and "W" reflect non-completion.

SAT AND ACT TEST DATES

SAT Test Dates:

www.collegeboard.com

January 24, 2009 SAT & Subject Tests Registration Deadline: December 26, 2008

March 14, 2009 SAT only Registration Deadline: February 10, 2009

May 2, 2009 SAT & Subject

Tests Registration Deadline:

March 31, 2009

June 6, 2009 SAT & Subject Tests Registration Deadline: May 5, 2009

ACT Test Dates: www.act.org
February 7, 2009** Registration Deadline: January 7, 2009

April 4, 2009 Registration Deadline: February 27, 2009
June 13, 2009 Registration Deadline: May 8, 2009

If you are a junior/senior and considering a 4-year college you need to take at least one of these tests. We'll pay for it!

LICENSE SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION (DMV WEB-SITE)

When you receive a driver's license, you accept responsibility for obeying Virginia's traffic and safety laws. If you repeatedly violate them, DMV is authorized to suspend or revoke your driver's license.

If you are convicted of any of the following offenses, your license will be revoked or suspended.

- Making a false statement to DMV
- Failing to stop and identify yourself at the scene of a crash if someone has been injured or killed
- Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Voluntary or involuntary manslaughter resulting from driving a motor vehicle
- Committing a drug offense, regardless of whether or not a motor vehicle is involved
- Committing a felony involving the use of a motor vehicle
- Taking a driver's license examination for another person, or appearing for another person to renew a license. If convicted of this offense, your license will be revoked for ten years.
- Eluding police

If you are convicted of a safety belt, child safety seat or demerit-point traffic violation committed when you were under age 18, you will be required to satisfactorily complete a driver improvement clinic. No safe driving points will be awarded for attending the clinic. If you do not satisfactorily complete the

clinic within 90 days, DMV will suspend your permit or license until the clinic is completed.

After your second demerit point conviction, DMV will suspend your permit or license for 90 days. The court may grant you restricted driving privileges so you can drive between your home and work place provided there is no other means of transportation.

After a third demerit point conviction, DMV will revoke your permit or license for one year or until you reach age 18, whichever is longer. The court cannot grant restricted driving privileges.

Your license also may be suspended or revoked if you:

- Become delinquent in your child support payments by 90 days or \$5,000
- Fail to pay court fines, costs and fees at for traffic or criminal convictions within 15 days
- Fail to satisfactorily complete a required driver improvement clinic within the specified time
- Are convicted of making a bomb threat
- Are convicted of failing to pay for gasoline purchases
- Become physically or mentally unable to drive safely
- Give false information on a driver's license application
- Receive 18 or more demerit points in a 12-month period or 24 demerit points in a 24-month period
- Register an uninsured motor vehicle without paying the uninsured motor vehicle fee
- Operate or permit operation of your uninsured vehicle
- Operate a motor vehicle

without a valid driver's license. If you are convicted of driving without a license, the court may suspend your driving privilege or privilege to obtain a license for up to 90 days.

If your license is **suspended**, your privilege to drive has been withdrawn temporarily. You may pay the required fees and reinstate your license at the end of the suspension period unless your license expires during that period. You must also show proof of legal presence.

Revocation, on the other hand, means that your privilege to drive has been terminated. Your driving privilege may be restored if you reapply for a driver's license **after** the revocation period has passed. You must show proof of legal presence. You must successfully complete the vision screening, two-part knowledge exam and road skills tests and pay the required fees when you reapply.

Failure to pay Court fines can result in your license being suspended or revoked.

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You're growing up and getting older. You're spreading your wings and getting ready to fly. You're reaching your limits. You're figuring out what life means to you. And we're here to help you along your journey to independence and adulthood. Reaching independence gives you rights and responsibilities that you've never had before and both are a lot to deal with. Getting ready for independence can be a lot of work, but it can be fun as well. Are you getting ready to go to college? Let us help you by taking you on a campus tour, assisting with financial aid applications, and applying for college. Are you heading for the workforce? We'll help with the resumes and practice the job interview with you. Come make new friends. Learn more about what's waiting for you in the real world. Pick up some helpful skills before you're on your own.

QUICK ZITI RECIPE

8 oz. ziti
1 pound lean ground beef
1 small onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
1 can (28 oz.) crushed tomatoes, undrained
1 can (16 oz.) tomato sauce
1 t. oregano
1 C. grated Mozzarella cheese
1/4 C. grated Parmesan cheese
2 T. dried parsley

Cook ziti in boiling, salted water according to package directions; drain.

Lightly brown beef and onion in a saucepan. Pour off any excess fat. Add garlic, tomatoes with can liquid, tomato sauce and oregano. Simmer for 15 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Mix cooked ziti and sauce together in a 2-1/2-

quart baking dish. Combine Mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses; sprinkle lightly over ziti mixture. Sprinkle with parsley.

Bake for 25 minutes or until lightly browned and bubbly.

Yield: 6 servings.

