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Important Dates:

March 10:
Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 14 & 15:
ATA Teachers Convention
No School

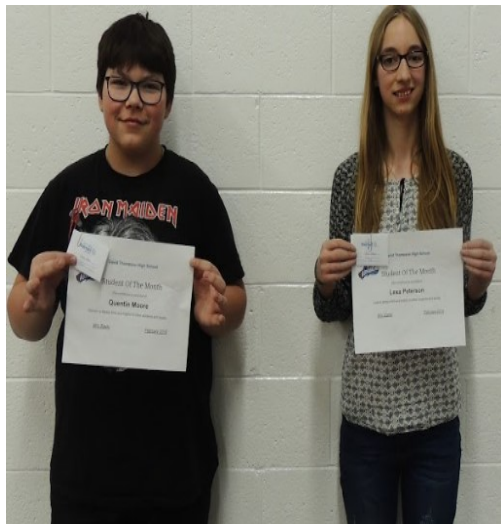
March 20 @ 7 p.m.:
Parent Council Meeting

March 12:
Grade 8 Aztec vs Spanish
Museum

March 17:
St. Patrick's Day

March 25- April 1:
Spring Break-No School

Students of the Month



Pictured from left to right: Quentin Moore, Lexa Peterson, and Seth Bates



Missing:
Samantha Gaetz

Athletes of the Month



Pictured from left to right:
Danielle Judd and Payton Knopp

Missing: Amy Korth and
Owen Smith

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number.

For **CANADA-BASED** numbers: 978338

For **US-BASED** numbers: 61569 (see next page for QR code)

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



*if your number is Canada-based.

**Opt-In from
your mobile
now!**



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"Yes" to
978338.**

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*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.

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i [Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:](#)

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

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There are many ways to keep up with the happenings at DTHS!

Check out our website: <http://davidthompson.wrsd.ca/>

Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/davidthompsonhs

Phone us at (403) 729-3930. We're happy to hear from you!

Sign up for REMIND:

Sign up for important updates from Mr. Trieber.

Get information for DTHS right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for DTHS:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/mrtrieber

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @mrtrieber to the number (819) 803-0519.

Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/mrtrieber on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

Despite the outpouring of support from educators, students, and parents—and despite Bell's decision to keep communication accessible for classrooms and communities across Canada—Rogers has no plans to reverse the fee being imposed on Remind text messages on its network.

This forces us to end Remind text notifications for everyone with a Rogers wireless plan (including [these subsidiaries](#)) starting today, January 29, at 6pm PT. To keep getting your messages, anyone who has Rogers as their phone carrier will need to enable other notifications on Remind.

To avoid service disruptions, please ask your classes to **download our free app and turn on push notifications**; you can find full instructions in our [Help Center](#), including options for people without smartphones. Text messaging will also continue to be supported for organizations with a [Remind School and District plan](#), which is now available in Canada.

We've updated our [Terms of Service](#) to reflect these changes, which you can review on our website here. You can also see specific changes on [Github](#).

Thank you again for making your voice heard on this issue. We're truly grateful for your support and apologize for the inconvenience this causes.

Sincerely,
The Remind team

[Download the app](#)

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News From Parent Council



March 20 @ 7 p.m. - Next Parent Council Meeting



Has Your Contact Information Changed?



If your mailing address, telephone numbers or email address have changed, please contact Carrie in the office:



Carrie.lutz@wrsd.ca or 403-729-3930



Mrs. Morrish invites you to subscribe to Remind!

Mrs. Morrish Grade 8 Remind:

If you have a smartphone, get push notifications. On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link: rmd.at/dthsla8 Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications. Text the message @dthsla8 to the number (819) 410-1138.

Mrs. Morrish Grade 9 Remind:

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link: rmd.at/dthsla9 or text the message @dthsla9 to the number (819) 410-1138.



Please Note:

The DTHS office will no longer automatically print receipts for fee payments. If you require a receipt, please contact the school office and we will be happy to send one home with your child.

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On February 21 and 28, the grade nines spent the morning at the Red Deer Courthouse. They were able to partake in an interview with Judge Hunter and the Court Clerk, Kari. The group then watched a court session for approximately 1.5 hours. It was an informative morning that correlates well with their unit on the Youth Criminal Justice Act.



Are you creative, artistic, and an original thinker? Do you like to draw, paint, take photos, or do graphic design? If so, then this contest is for you! We are looking for an *original cover celebrating DT for this year's yearbook!* The winner will receive a \$50 gift card and will have their artwork displayed on the cover of next year's yearbook.

Contest details:

- Yearbook cover designs must be submitted no later than March 8, 2019.
- Design must be school appropriate and reflect the spirit of DT.
- Every type of art is welcome and encouraged.
- \$50 prize awarded to the winner.
- Come see Mrs. Egeto for details regarding page size and layout.



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FROM THE CAREER CENTRE



Grade 10 Students CAREERexpo

On May 2, our Grade 10 students will be traveling to Red Deer to participate in the Central Alberta CAREERexpo. This event brings together students and educators, from all schools in central Alberta where local employers representing trades, technologies, health and occupations is in high demand. Alberta post-secondary institutions are showcased. More than 3500 students took the opportunity last year to visit over 100 exhibits.

High School students discover career opportunities in their community through hands on, interactive exhibits and speak to post-secondary education providers to connect learning to earning. Grade 10 students will receive information before the event so that they can prepare to make the best of their time at the Expo. All Grade 10 students are required to attend this event as part of their high school program.

Grade 11 IS a Very Important Year

Many people believe that high school students should wait until grade 12 before they do any serious research and reflection on what they want to do when they are finished high school. Several of our Grade 11 students found out differently when they traveled to Calgary in the fall to check out what programs and options are available at the University of Calgary and Mount Royal University. We will also be travelling to Edmonton this spring to visit the University of Alberta and NAIT and possibly back to Calgary to see SAIT. Be sure to come with us to find out what is out there. It is important to be successful with academic courses in Grade 11, so you have every opportunity to access the program you want after high school.

Red Deer College has some upcoming opportunities to help you make informed choices for post-secondary:

Student for a Day:

Thursday, March 14

School of Arts and Science - Media Studies and Professional Communication

Friday, March 29

Donald School of Business - All Programs

School of Creative Arts - Animation, Acting, Production and Visual Art

School of Education - B of Ed, and Early Learning and Childcare

For more information click on [Student for a Day info](#)

Information Evening

Wednesday, March 27

School of Education - Bachelor of Education, Early Learning and Childcare and Educational Assistant

Registration Form [Registration](#)

Students will have to make their own arrangements for travel to these events.

Grade 12 Students

Registering for post-secondary courses for next year?

Registering for courses in post-secondary is much more complex than it is at DTSS. To avoid lack of choices for times and sections, be sure to begin the registration process as soon as your post-secondary makes it available. If there are enough students attending Red Deer College who want help with course registration, we will ask an advisor to come to the school. For other post-secondaries, check your post-secondary account for information and/or ask Mrs. Thompson for help.

Scholarships and Awards Available to David Thompson Students

Some awards given to students at DTHS do not require an application or a deadline date. Those listed below **do** require an application and have a deadline date. A number of scholarship applications have been added to CAREERS 30 Google Classroom. Be sure to check them out! If you wish to apply for the Clearwater County Scholarship and/or the Future Vision Scholarship make sure that Mrs. Thompson has a copy of your essays. Apply early so you are not filling out applications while you are studying for diploma exams! Remember, **IF YOU DON'T APPLY, YOU CAN'T WIN!**

Scholarship	Amount	Criteria	Deadline Date
RMH Credit Union	\$1000	Community Involvement CU membership	July 31
RCU Member Academic Scholarship	\$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% + average • CU membership 	July 31
RCU Apprenticeship Scholarship	\$1000	Apprenticing in a trade CU membership	July 15
Clearwater County Crime Watch	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Involvement 	June 15
Clearwater County	\$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Involvement • Essay 	May 31
Moountainview Credit Union	\$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievements, community • Essay • CU membership 	Apr 30
Shell	\$1000	STEM	
Repsol	\$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Plans • Essay 	May 31
RMH Ag Society	\$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm Family 	June 30
Central Alberta Coop	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application 	May 31
RMH Hospital Auxiliary	\$2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-secondary in medical field 	Sept 1
RMH Coop	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee of RMH Coop 	August 15
Blue Mountain Power Coop	\$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family member of BMPC • Essay 	August 1
Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops	\$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family member of Gas Coop • 75% • Essay: Goals, Future Plans 	Oct 1
Creating A Future Vision	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Transition Plan • Essay 	May 31

[Other Post-secondary Financial Assistance Resources \(links\)](#)

[Student Aid Alberta](#)

[Alberta Post-secondary Awards and Scholarships links](#)

[Calgary Stampede Grade 12 Art Scholarship-](#)

[ALIS](#)

[Financial Consumer Agency of Canada - Grants, Bursaries and Scholarships](#)

[Alberta Scholarships](#)

[Alberta Foundation for the Arts](#)

[Grand Yellowhead Scholarships for Albertans](#)

[Peace Wapiti Scholarships \(organized by monthly deadline dates\)](#)

[Yconic](#)

[Scholarships Canada](#)

[Tradesecrets Scholarships](#)

<https://ScholarTree.ca>



Yearbooks

Order forms for the 2018/2019 Yearbook are now available at the office. Price is \$40.00.

Orders can also be made online by visiting YBPay.lifetouch.com yearbook ID CODE is 11417919

ATTENTION 2019 GRAD PARENTS

We will be including the grad's baby pictures in the yearbook. Please help your son or daughter to find their cutest baby picture! They will be scanned and returned to you. These can be dropped off at the office. Alternatively, you can scan them yourself and email them to kara.egeto@wrsd.ca

There are a few extra copies of last year's Yearbook available for purchase. Please talk to the office if you would like to purchase one.



Parking at School



If you are visiting DTHS, during school hours, we have three available areas for you to park. The middle of the parking lot where stalls are marked by yellow lines and either the east or west end of the parking lot.

Please do not park in the bus parking located directly along the front sidewalk of the school during school hours.

Thank-you for your cooperation.



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Career Corner



Green Certificate is an Agricultural Program that uses practical hands on work, along with mentorship for students to learn about different strands of agriculture. Testing is held at Olds College, in the case of Dairy, Lacombe or for more hands on testing of Equine, Cochrane.

It is possible to sign up for the Green Certificate program at any time as long as the student is over 15 years old. Forms and information are available through the Career Centre. A two hundred dollar completion deposit is needed before students are registered.

Olds College is offering the following 2 free workshops on a first come first serve basis:

April 11—Equine pregnancy

May 3—Large Animals

Registration will be open through the college approximately a month before the class date.

The next testing dates are:

April 16—Cochrane for Equine

May 13 & 14—Olds College

May 15—Lacombe for Dairy


All students who have not tested are encouraged to do so, as this is the last chance to test this school year, with the exception of a few slots that might open at the end of June.

Pamela Church, the program coordinator, is encouraging students to take a practice test as it will give students a better understanding of what is expected. If the student does well they will receive a pass.

Work Experience is designed to introduce students to the workforce where they will gain basic employable skills. Students can work for a family member, employer or volunteer. Before the hours can be counted toward credits, the student, employer and parents must sign an employment contract. Student marks are derived from the evaluation form that was filled out by the employer. Every 25 hours worked is worth one credit. A minimum of 125 hours must be completed before being submitted for credits.

It is a student's responsibility to keep track of hours either through pay stubs or a monthly Calendar which is signed by the student and employer. Please bring the forms in monthly.

Forms and more information on Work Experience and the Green Certificate are available at the Career Centre, or contact Linda Tomlinson by phone: 403-729-3930 or email: linda.tomlinson@wrsd.ca.



Distance Education News



David Thompson, being a small school, uses distance education courses to offer a wider range of classes. That being said, no school in Alberta, no matter the size, can offer all the courses available through ADLC.

A new semester brings new courses. Students who are taking distance education courses need to set reasonable deadlines to ensure that they are completing their work in a timely manner. Students who are taking a number of 1-credit courses should complete each course in approximately 6 weeks.

Students who are successful with Distance Education are ones who are self-motivated to work on the course daily, the same as an in-class course. Students who wish to take Distance Education classes in semester two need to discuss it with Mr. Trieber and Mrs. Thompson.

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DRESS CODE REMINDER – Students are expected to:

- dress in a clean, neat manner
- not wear headgear in the school during school hours
- wear shoes at all times
- when appropriate, wear shorts and skirts of a reasonable length (Plus or minus one inch of arms straight down at student's side)
- no halter, backless, spaghetti, strapless, or short tops to school
- always wear a shirt (pinnies provided in P. Ed.)
- never wear shirts with unbecoming pictures, profane words or obscene slogans
- never wear fashion accessories that may be deemed to be dangerous
- keep pants pulled up

Volunteers and Parent Drivers

As part of our commitment to keeping our students safe we require the following from our volunteers and parent drivers:

1. **A Criminal Record Check**
2. **An Intervention Record Check**
3. **Driver Abstract - a form can be filled out at the office**
 - driving record must be satisfactory for a minimum of 5 yrs.
 - drivers must have an unrestricted license
 - drivers must not have more than 6 demerits
4. **Proof of a minimum of \$ 1,000,000 third party liability insurance**

Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns at 403.729.3930



Breakfast for Learning

Our school's nutrition program is proudly funded by Breakfast for Learning. Thanks to their support, we are able to offer our students a healthy meal or snack during the school day.

Breakfast for Learning is a national charity that is committed to ensuring students attend school well nourished and ready to learn, giving them the best chance of success in life.

In the 2013/14 school year, Breakfast for Learning funded 2,402 breakfast, lunch and snack programs, served 251,531 children and youth and provided over 40 million nourishing meals and snacks.

Since 1992, Breakfast for Learning has helped serve over 510 million meals to children and youth across Canada.

For more information, please visit breakfastforlearning.ca.

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- **Bumble:** This is a dating app, but “kids use Bumble by creating a fake account (with) a fake age,” the post says.
- **LiveMe:** This live-streaming video app “uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster’s exact location.”
- **ASK.FM:** This app “is known for cyber bullying,” according to the sheriff’s office. It “encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions ... and get an answer.”
- **Snapchat:** In this app, users can send photos and videos that disappear once seen. Snapchat “stories” allow the content to remain visible for 24 hours, and users can see your location.
- **Holla:** A “video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds ... Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content and more.”
- **CALCULATOR%:** This was “one of SEVERAL secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files and browser history. This app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault,” the sheriff’s office said. Business Insider reported that [Apple pulled this from the App Store in 2018](#), but similar apps can still be downloaded.
- **kik:** A messaging app that “allows anyone to contact and direct message to your child ... The reason why this app is so popular with teens is because users are allowed to create anonymous accounts...”
- **Whisper:** “An anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user’s location so people can meet up.”
- **The Game by Hot or Not:** “The goal of this app is to hook up,” the sheriff’s office said. It “encourages users to rate your profile, check out people in their area and chat with strangers.”
- **Omegle:** This random videochat app “promotes chatting anonymously to strangers.”
- **Yubo:** A social app “designed to allow teens to flirt with each other in a Tinder-like atmosphere.”
- **LINE:** “Another all in one mobile hub for chatting, sharing photos and videos, and free texting and video calls.”
- **BURNBOOK:** McClatchy did not find this app available in the Apple App Store or in Google Play. The sheriff’s office said the app allowed people to post “anonymous rumors about people.”
- **Wishbone:** “An app that allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.” The app says it recently released an update, and it no longer allows “unsafe or highly inappropriate content to be posted.”
- **Instagram:** “Many teens and kids are creating fake account profiles to hide content from parents. Kids also like to text using Instagram because messages are deleted once a user leaves the conversation.”
- **Vora:** “A dieting app that allows a user to track their fasting activity.” The sheriff’s office said the app may have been intended for health benefits, but that “it could be dangerous for kids prone to eating issues.”
- **Hide It Pro (HIP):** This app is “disguised as a music manager, but really it’s meant for hiding anything from photos and videos to TEXT MESSAGES and other apps.”

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AGE RESTRICTION
13+



Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images, videos and chat with friends. Users can share images and videos directly to specific friends, or through a 'story' shared with their entire friend list, which documents the previous 24 hours. In a study, Snapchat was ranked the 4th most negative app in terms of having an impact on young people's health and wellbeing, with children feeling that they can use the app Snapchat to "make you look pretty."



What parents need to know about SNAPCHAT



EXPOSING YOUR CHILD'S EXACT LOCATION

The 'Snap Map' lets you share your EXACT location in real-time through a map on the app. The user's location updates when the app has been opened on the device. There is a warning on the Snapchat website about uploading images and videos to 'Our Story' stating that "snaps you submit to 'Our Story' can still show up on the Map, no matter which location setting you choose." When uploading to 'Our Story' your child's image or video could appear in "Search results and stories on or off Snapchat - today or in the future."

LENS EXPLORER

The 'Lens Studio' on Snapchat gives users the freedom to use their imagination to design their own filters for themselves and others to use. Snapchat states that the lenses users create "must comply with our Lens Studio Submission Guidelines and Community Guidelines and must be appropriate for Snapchat users ages 13+." The 'Lens Explorer' in the app now enables users to choose from thousands of these creations to alter their snaps. Anyone can create a lens for Snapchat, which gives opportunities for age-inappropriate content to be uploaded.

SCREENSHOTS & SAVED MESSAGES

While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos, videos and text disappear eventually, users still have the capability to screenshot or record anything which has been sent to them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshots are possible and send a compromising image or message to somebody who they think they trust. They may also accidentally send an image or message to somebody who they do not trust. Simply by pressing and holding a message, the user is able to save a message they have received, which can be screenshot or used against them at a later date.

SNAPSTREAKS & ADDICTION

'Snap Streaks' are gained when snaps have been sent back and forth consecutively between friends. The longer the streaks are sent between users, the longer the streak becomes. Furthermore, Snapchat rewards users who have achieved high Snap Streaks, by gifting emojis, adding incentives for users to keep the streaks. Children invest time into making their streaks as long as possible, which can put an incredible amount of pressure on both themselves and their friendships.

SEXTING

Due to 'snaps' disappearing (users can even send a one-second photo or video), Snapchat has become the chosen platform for children and young people to send sexually explicit images or 'selfies'. Once a photo/video has been screenshot, or recorded using another device or software, this can lead to further dangers, such as blackmail and cyberbullying. It is illegal to make, possess, download, store and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18. This also includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves. However, if a young person is found creating or sharing images, the police can choose to record that a crime has been committed, but taking formal action isn't in the public interest.

SNAP ORIGINALS

Through 'Snap Originals', users can watch content which has been created by Snapchat on the app, including comedy shows, drama, news and more. Additionally, there are new lenses and filters available, inspired by the 'snap originals' shows. This is another feature to encourage addiction.



Top Tips for Parents



THE RISKS OF SEXTING

It can be slightly awkward talking about this topic with your child, but if it helps them protect themselves, it is worth it. Talk to them about the consequences of sexting and make sure that they're aware of the risks. Ensure you or child knows that 'snaps' can be screenshot. Teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else), it can have severe consequences as the message, image or video can be shared further.

REPORTING A STORY, LENS, FILTER, SNAP OR MESSAGE

If your child comes across inappropriate Snapchat content sent directly to them or in another person's story, advise them to report it immediately. This may include an inappropriate lens, filter, message or snap. To report an offensive lens, they should open the app and select the lens they want to report. An 'In' button will appear above the lens. Click this, followed by the flag icon. This will send a report to Snapchat for further investigation. Reports can also be made on the Snapchat support website: support.snapchat.com/en-US.



USE 'GHOST MODE'

We highly recommend enabling 'Ghost Mode' on the app so that your child's location will no longer be visible to anyone on the 'Snap Map'. To enable this, go onto the Snap Map and tap the cog in the top-right corner. Here, change the setting to 'Ghost Mode'.

HOW TO DELETE A MESSAGE

Advise your child never to send a negative message (or images) through gallery in the chat on the app as screenshots can still be taken. You should also advise your child to consider not any negative comments they receive as the sender can also delete them. To delete a message, simply press and hold the sent message and press delete.

TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'

'Quick Add' helps friends find each other on the app. This is based on mutual friends or if their number is in their phone book. Explain to your child that this feature can open up their profile to strangers. We highly recommend that your child turns off the 'Quick Add' feature. This can be done in the settings.

RESTRICT STORY VIEWS

Your child can add videos and images to their 'Story' throughout the day which will last for 24 hours. By default, anyone in a user's friends list can see their story. We recommend checking the privacy settings to ensure that this has not been edited. This can simply be done in the app settings under the 'Who Can View My Story' section. The options to choose from are 'My Friends', 'Everyone' or 'Custom' - we suggest that it is set to 'My Friends'.



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Email: saf@nationalonlinesafety.com or call us on 0800 368 3063

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