

Floyd County Emergency Management Plan

SNOW

Indiana usually experiences at least some accumulation of snow during the winter months. Small amounts of snow can create slippery conditions on the roads and heavy amounts of snow can create dangerous driving conditions, blocked roads and power outages throughout the city. Snow in conjunction with gusty winds can significantly reduce visibility, therefore, motorists are urged to use extreme caution when these conditions are present.

In general, you should know the difference between an advisory and a warning. A snow **ADVISORY** means that snow is expected to occur and may accumulate. A snow **WARNING** means that snowfall is imminent or occurring.

In the event of a snow advisory or warning, you should:

Listen to your radio, television or NOAA Weather Radio for weather reports and emergency information.

Have an emergency kit in your home and car.

Drive only if it is absolutely necessary. If you must drive, consider the following:

Travel during the day and keep others informed of your schedule.

Stay on main roads; avoid back roads and alleys.

DO NOT Park your car on the side of the road, roadways should be kept clear for snow plows and other emergency crews.

Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack - a major cause of death during the winter.

Watch for signs of frostbite - skin appears white and waxy, numbness or no feeling in that area and/or possible blisters.

Watch for signs of hypothermia - shivering and numbness, confusion or dizziness, stumbling and weakness, slow or slurred speech and shock.

Go to a medical facility immediately if you or someone you know is experiencing signs of hypothermia or frostbite.

If you see homeless people stranded in the cold, call your local authorities so they can find a shelter for them.

For power outages and downed wires, call your local utility company.

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