



# Winter Weather Preparedness

## Blizzards



- **Blizzards** are dangerous winter storms that are a combination of blowing snow and wind resulting in very low visibility – making travel nearly impossible
- The main factors in a blizzard are the wind and low visibility – **NOT** the amount of snow. Blizzards can occur with only an inch or two of snow!
- **The National Weather Service will issue a "Blizzard Warning" if:**
  - Wind of at least 35 mph will produce blowing snow AND visibility of  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile or less for at least 3 hours

