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Public Information Statement
National Weather Service Indianapolis IN
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This has been Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Indiana. The National Weather Service, with our partners in state and local government and the Red Cross urge you to be prepared for winter. It is your responsibility to ensure you have plans and act safely when hazardous weather occurs. We encourage all Hoosiers to be prepared and do your part for a Weather-Ready Nation.

Though we do not know how bad this winter will be, we do know cold and some snow or freezing rain events will cause problems for us. Being prepared and having a plan and reacting properly will help minimize the impact of weather.

Remember National Weather Service Outlooks and Watches give you early notice on storm potential days in advance. National Weather Service Warnings and Advisories mean weather is likely to cause you problems and you should consider if this may require you to change plans.

Some winter weather related deaths result from exposure to cold so dress appropriately. Most winter weather related deaths are from auto accidents on slippery roads so drive with more caution when roads are bad. Other deaths result from fires due to overloaded electrical circuits so do not plug too many items into an outlet. Poorly maintained heating systems also lead to deaths by fire or by carbon monoxide poisoning. Have your furnace and chimney checked by professionals for proper operation and venting.

Have adequate supplies available at home, at work, on the farm, or in your vehicle to last at least three days. Have alternate sources of heat and power available. Have multiple sources of weather information available. Always consider changing plans when the weather is expected to turn bad.

The best way to stay safe during winter is to be prepared, use common sense and caution. Listen to NOAA weather radio or commercial radio or television for the latest information. Take action when the National Weather Service issues a Watch or a Warning or Advisory.

Visit getprepared.in.gov for more information about winter safety.

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