

# Department of Public Safety Newsletter



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## Michigan Winter

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## WINTER NEWS

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### Preparing for Safe Winter Travel

It is important to remember that winter weather is not far behind. Winter storms cause major national disasters and federally declared emergencies; sometimes, damaging homes and businesses.

The American Red Cross, the [National Weather Service](#), the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) and the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\)](#) urge people every year about the deceptive dangers associated with winter storms.

The Red Cross classifies winter storms as “deceptive killers” because most winter-related deaths are indirectly related to storms.

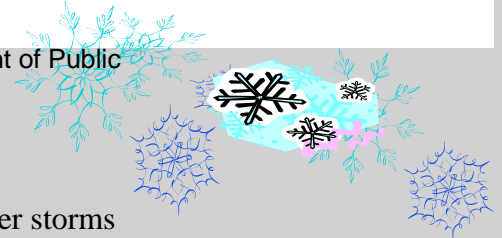
### Know the Dangers

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, about 70 percent of automobile accidents resulting in death are ice or snow related. Another 25 percent of winter deaths can be attributed to people being caught out in a storm.

The National Weather Service reports that many people die each year when they attempt to leave their vehicle during a storm to walk to safety. Instead, stranded drivers should stay with the car, tie a piece of cloth to the car’s antenna, and keep the car running while using the heater 10 minutes out of each hour. People should remember to keep their interior lights on while the engine is running, and to avoid hypothermia by constantly moving their arms and legs.

Hypothermia warning signs are severely low body temperature, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, exhaustion and uncontrollable shivering. People generally suffer from hypothermia after being over-exposed to extremely cold weather, dangerous wind chills, ice and snowstorms, freezing rain or sleet—another reason why stranded passengers should remain in their vehicles until help arrives.

**TIP: Avoid Driving Dangerously By Leaving for Work and School Early.**



### Winter Travel Survival Kit

- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Booster cables
- Fire extinguisher (5lb., A-B-C type)
- First aid kit and manual
- Bottled water and non-perishable high-energy foods, such as granola bars, raisins and peanut butter
- Compass and road maps
- Shovel
- Tire repair kit and pump
- Flares
- Extra clothing to keep dry
- Sack of sand or cat litter (for tire traction)
- Tow rope
- Knife