



Natural Disaster Resource

7 Winter Weather Safety Tips

Winter's extreme conditions can present serious dangers for the unprepared. Keep these seven safety tips in mind to protect yourself and your family.



TIP 1. Use generators safely.

Generators create deadly fumes and contribute to carbon monoxide poisoning if used incorrectly. Keep generators outside. Keep them 20 or more feet away from windows, doors and vents. Use heavy-duty outdoor extension cords to plug in appliances.



TIP 2. Maintain household heat.

Conserve heat by keeping doors and windows closed. Close drapes and blinds, and use spare towels to fill door gaps and keep cold air out.



TIP 3. Use safe light sources.

Light your home with battery-powered flashlights or lanterns. Use candles as a last resort, but never leave them unattended.



TIP 4. Keep water flowing.

Turn water faucets on just enough to allow for a continuous drip. Open the under-sink cabinet doors to let warm air in the room reach the pipes. If pipes freeze, use any bottled water or safe liquids you have for hydration. If nothing else is available, use melted snow as an emergency water source.



TIP 5. Ensure food safety.

Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to help preserve perishable foods. Never consume food that shows signs of spoilage.



TIP 6. Stay inside.

Remain indoors and off the roads as much as possible. If you must go outside, do so in short increments and dress in warm layers. If you must drive, take your cell phone and pack an emergency kit.



TIP 7. Seek medical help.

Seek immediate medical care if you or another household member displays signs of frostbite or hypothermia, such as shivering, confusion, numbness, pain when rewarming the skin or a whitish-yellow tint to the skin.

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