

Winter storm

ACTION CHECKLIST

Stay indoors and postpone travel during dangerous snow, ice or blowing snow. Keep heat safe, use battery lighting and watch for power loss. If stranded in a vehicle, stay with it unless a safer shelter is clearly accessible.

[] Check road conditions

Use official closures and forecasts before deciding to travel.

[] Keep warmth safe

Wear dry layers; never heat a home with an oven, grill or indoor generator.

[] Prepare for outages

Keep essential medicines, water, food, light and charged batteries accessible.

[] If stranded

Call for help with your location. If running the engine briefly for heat, first clear snow from the exhaust and crack a window; monitor for carbon monoxide.

WATCH FOR

Do not walk away from a stranded vehicle in poor visibility unless you know a safe nearby destination.

IF HELP IS UNAVAILABLE

Keep dry layers, safe food, water and battery light together. If stranded in a vehicle, keep the exhaust clear before running the engine and conserve fuel; do not sleep with the engine running. Remain with the vehicle when walking would expose you to poor visibility or severe cold.

Updated 2026-10-02 | Civilian educational guidance. Seek qualified help when reachable and safe; do not delay immediate protective action.

Full guide: <https://ospreyzero.com/emergencies/winter-storm/>

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