

Winter Weather Safety for EMS Providers



PLANNING FOR WINTER WEATHER:

Establish, review, and practice winter weather safety through policies, procedures, and training.

Develop a Continuity of Operations Plan that addresses business continuity during inclement weather. Work with local emergency management personnel to review disaster plans in your community.

PREPARING FOR WINTER WEATHER:

Train on cold stress injuries and illness. Ensure all personnel have proper uniform and protective clothing for winter weather exposure during calls for service.

RESPONDING IN WINTER WEATHER

Reduce speed. Increase following distance when driving any emergency vehicle on snow- or ice-covered roads. Long hours driving at all hours of the day and night puts first responders at risk for potential motor vehicle collisions.

During winter weather, frequently check your headlights, emergency lights, wipers, and sirens to ensure all are clear from snow and ice and are fully functional.

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