Winter Storm Family Preparedness

Winter storms pose serious threats to people, pets and property. Extreme cold, freezing rain, snow and strong winds can be especially dangerous. Take precautions now to protect your family.

Before
- Bring pets indoors.
- Keep space heaters away from flammable materials and NEVER leave them unattended.
- Make sure you have proper ventilation and a carbon monoxide detector in place when using heating sources such as fireplaces and kerosene space heaters.
- Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and remember to replace batteries every six months.
- Move all vehicles inside the garage if possible. Never leave a vehicle running with the garage door down.
- Prepare a disaster supply kit. See the Disaster Safety FLASH Card for full list of supplies.

During
- Stay inside.
- Close-off unoccupied rooms in the home.
- DO NOT use charcoal-burning devices.
- Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing. Remove layers as needed to avoid overheating, perspiration and subsequent chill.
- Drink plenty of fluids and eat high-caloric foods.

After
- Clear walkways and sidewalks of snow and ice to prevent injury from slip and fall, but use caution to avoid overexertion.
- Identify possible damage and document with photography.
- Report damage, such as broken pipes and downed tree branches or power lines, to your utility company and avoid the area to prevent personal injury.

Protect your home in a FLASH with the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes!

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