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# NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ISSUES TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR OVERNIGHT WEDNESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AM RUSH

## *Overnight snowfall may impact morning travel*

**January 21, 2015** — The New York City Office of Emergency Management today issued a Travel Advisory for overnight Wednesday, January 21, through Thursday morning, January 22, 2015. The National Weather Service is forecasting up to an inch of snow for the city. Light snowfall should begin Wednesday evening and will taper off Thursday morning with a lingering snow shower possible through early Thursday afternoon.

Temperatures Wednesday night are expected to be in the upper 20s, while Thursday temperatures could reach the upper 30s, with lows in the mid-20s. Although no ice is expected for this event, New Yorkers are asked to exercise caution when driving and allow for additional travel time.

New Yorkers are encouraged to sign up for Notify NYC, the City's free emergency notification system. Through Notify NYC, New Yorkers can receive phone calls, text messages, and/or emails alerts about traffic and transit disruptions and other emergencies. To sign up for Notify NYC, call 311, visit [www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov), or follow @NotifyNYC on Twitter.

NYC Emergency Management encourages New Yorkers to take the following precautions:

- Drive slowly. Posted speed limits are for ideal weather conditions. Vehicles take longer to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.
- Use major streets or highways for travel whenever possible; these roadways will be cleared first.
- Four-wheel drive vehicles may make it easier to drive on snow-covered roads, but they do not stop quicker than other vehicles.
- Wear a hat, hood, or scarf, as most heat is lost through the head.
- Wear layers, as they provide better insulation and warmth.
- Keep fingertips, earlobes, and noses covered if you go outside.
- Keep clothing dry; if a layer becomes wet, remove it.
- Report any loss of heat or hot water to property managers immediately, and call 311.
- If homes lack heat, get to a warm place, if possible, and wear extra layers of dry, loose-fitting clothing, hats and gloves to help stay warm.

- Never use a gas stove to heat your home.
- Never use a kerosene or propane space heater, charcoal or gas grill, or generator indoors.
- Seniors should take extra care outdoors to avoid slips and falls from icy conditions.
- Check on neighbors, friends, relatives and clients (if you are a service provider).

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