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**NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ISSUES TRAVEL ADVISORY
FOR WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7**

Winter Weather Advisory in effect from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday

February 6, 2018 – The New York City Emergency Management Department today issued a travel advisory for Wednesday, February 7. The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory for New York City in effect from 6 a.m. through 3 p.m. Wednesday. A wintry mix of snow, sleet, and possible freezing rain are forecast. A brief period of snow is forecast to begin during the Wednesday morning commute. Snow then briefly transitions to a wintry mix of sleet and possible freezing rain, before changing over to rain by late morning. The rain is forecast to taper off late Wednesday evening. A total of an inch to two inches of snow is possible. Cold ground temperatures may result in icy roads, especially on untreated surfaces. A Winter Weather Advisory means that periods of snow, sleet, or freezing rain will cause travel difficulties on Wednesday. New Yorkers should prepare for slippery roads and reduced visibility, and are asked to use caution when driving, walking, or biking.

“With icy and slippery roads expected tomorrow, give yourself some extra travel time and use caution while driving,” said **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Joseph Esposito**.

Safety Tips

- Black ice is patchy ice on roadways that cannot easily be seen. Even if roadways have been cleared of snow following a storm, any water left on the roadways may freeze, resulting in a clear sheet of ice, also known as black ice. Use mass transit where possible. If you have to drive, drive slowly. Vehicles take longer to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.
- Four-wheel drive vehicles may make it easier to drive on snow-covered roads, but they do not stop quicker than other vehicles.
- Use major streets or highways for travel whenever possible.
- Know your vehicle’s braking system. Vehicles with anti-lock brakes require a different braking technique than vehicles without anti-lock brakes in snowy conditions.
- If you are driving and begin to skid, remain calm; ease your foot off the gas and steer in the direction you want the front of the car to go. Straighten the wheel when the car moves in the desired direction. If you have an anti-lock braking system (ABS), apply steady pressure to the brake pedal. Never pump the brakes on an ABS equipped vehicle.
- Try to keep your vehicle’s gas tank as full as possible.
- Keep the name and phone number of at least one local towing service in your car in case you break down or become stuck.
- Exercise caution and avoid slippery surfaces; some ice may not be visible. Wear sturdy boots that provide traction to reduce slipping. Use handrails when using stairs.

- Seniors should take extra care outdoors to avoid slips and falls.
- Have heightened awareness of cars, particularly when approaching or crossing intersections.

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