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## **NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ISSUES TRAVEL ADVISORY THROUGH FRIDAY MORNING**

*Light snow may affect the overnight through Friday morning*

**February 28, 2019** — The New York City Emergency Management Department today issued a travel advisory for the Friday morning commute. According to the latest National Weather Service forecast, a weak low-pressure system will bring light snow to the city early Friday morning. Light snow moves into the area around 4 a.m. Friday and will continue through the morning commute, before ending mid-morning. A lingering flurry is possible into the afternoon. A coating of snow is expected, with locally higher amounts of an inch possible. New Yorkers are advised to allow for extra travel time, use mass transit where possible and exercise caution as roads may be slippery through the morning commute.

“The light snow we’re anticipating on Friday morning may slow you down, so allow for extra travel time before you head out,” said **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Joseph Esposito**. “Exercise caution when driving, biking, or walking, as roads and untreated surfaces may be slippery.”

### **Safety Tips**

- Consider using mass transit wherever possible. If you drive, use extra caution. Vehicles take longer to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.
- Small accumulations of ice can be extremely dangerous to motorists and pedestrians. Bridges and overpasses are particularly dangerous because they freeze before other surfaces.
- Four-wheel drive vehicles may make it easier to drive on snow-covered roads, but they stop less quickly 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, 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.
- Pedestrians should 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.

New Yorkers are also encouraged to download the Notify NYC mobile application, which is available for free download from iTunes or Google Play. Notify NYC is the City’s free



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