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**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ISSUES HAZARDOUS
TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR SATURDAY**

The New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM) today issued another Hazardous Travel Advisory for Saturday afternoon and evening. The National Weather Service forecast of a mixture of rain and snow is expected to continue, then becoming all snow by Saturday evening. The storm could produce as much as three to six inches of wet, heavy snow with sustained winds between 30-40 mph. Wind gusts of 50 mph or greater are also possible. High winds can damage trees and make driving difficult. OEM encourages New Yorkers to take the following precautions:

For Motorists:

- If you must drive a vehicle, monitor weather and traffic reports for the latest road conditions.
- Use major streets or highways for travel whenever possible as these roadways will be cleared first.
- Drive slowly. Vehicles, including those with 4-wheel drive, take longer to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.
- Keep the name and phone number of at least one local towing service in your car in case you break down or become stuck in the snow.
- If you get stuck on the road stay with your car and contact a towing company.

For Pedestrians

- Exercise caution and avoid slippery surfaces.
- Wear layers including a hat, gloves and scarf to stay protected from the cold. And, keep clothes and shoes dry.
- Have heightened awareness of cars, particularly when approaching or crossing intersections.