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**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ISSUES FRIDAY  
MORNING RUSH HOUR HAZARDOUS TRAVEL ADVISORY**

The New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM) today issued a Hazardous Travel Advisory due to a forecasted snow storm that will cause dangerous travel conditions for the Friday morning rush hour. The National Weather Service has forecast between 3-6 inches of snow overnight. Over night snowfall rates could reach one inch per hour. OEM strongly recommends that people use mass transit and avoid driving during and immediately after the snow storm.

**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.

