



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**OEM ISSUES HAZARDOUS TRAVEL ADVISORY
FOR THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

Thursday AM, PM & Friday AM Rushes Most Impacted

Heavy, Wet Snow Expected; Rain, Freezing Rain, & Sleet Forecast for Late Afternoon Thursday

February 12, 2014 — The New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM) today issued a Hazardous Travel Advisory for Thursday, February 13, and Friday, February 14. The National Weather Service has forecast 8 to 12 inches of snow accumulation through Thursday evening, with 4 to 7 inches of snow forecast for the Thursday morning commute. The snow is forecasted to change to a wintry mix or all rain in the late afternoon before changing back to snow with an additional 2 to 5 inches of accumulation Thursday evening. Temperatures will be in the 30s. The Department of Sanitation has issued a Snow Alert for Thursday at 1AM. The plow tracker will be available tomorrow at nyc.gov/severeweather. 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 mass transportation whenever possible.
- 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; some ice may not be visible.
- Wear layers including a hat, gloves and scarf to stay protected from the cold. And, keep clothes and shoes dry.
- Keep fingertips, earlobes, and noses covered if you go outside.
- Have heightened awareness of cars, particularly when approaching or crossing intersections.

Tips for Staying Warm

Exposure to cold can cause life-threatening health conditions. Avoid serious conditions such as frostbite and hypothermia, by keeping warm.

- Wear a hat, hood, and scarf.
- 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.