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**MAYOR DE BLASIO REMINDS NEW YORKERS TO EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN TRAVELING
FRIDAY NIGHT THROUGH SATURDAY**

As nighttime temperatures drop to below freezing Friday, melted snow can turn to ice/black ice causing dangerously slick driving conditions

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio today reminded New Yorkers to exercise caution while traveling Friday night through Saturday, February 6. While additional precipitation is not forecasted Friday, a drop in nighttime temperatures can cause melted snow to turn to black ice, causing dangerously slick driving conditions.

“From our youngest New Yorkers to our elderly residents, everyone should keep an eye out for slippery sidewalks and roads tonight,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “Melted snow can turn into dangerous ice, and we want to make sure New Yorkers are alert and take their time walking, driving or biking in the city.”

The National Weather Service forecasts nighttime temperatures Friday to be below freezing, with wind chill values between 20 and 30 degrees. Temperatures Saturday will increase to the low 40s. The New York City Emergency Management Department’s travel advisory remains in effect. New Yorkers are asked to allow for extra travel time and be prepared for slippery road conditions. This morning the Department of Sanitation had over 2,100 salt spreaders and plows on the road to help prevent ice buildup.

Safety Tips

New Yorkers are also encouraged to take the following precautions:

- 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 during 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.
- 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.

More Information

For more safety tips, view NYC.gov/Emergency Management's public service [video announcement](#) or visit NYC.gov/EmergencyManagement. New Yorkers are also encouraged to sign up for Notify NYC, the City's free emergency notification system. Through Notify NYC, New Yorkers can receive phone calls, text messages and/or emails alerts about traffic and transit disruptions and other emergencies. To sign up for Notify NYC, call 311, visit NYC.gov/notifynyc, or follow @NotifyNYC on Twitter.

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