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**NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ISSUES TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR
WEDNESDAY EVENING THROUGH THURSDAY MORNING**

*Light snow, sleet and spotty light freezing rain may affect the area
Wednesday evening through Thursday morning*

February 27, 2019 — The New York City Emergency Management Department today issued a travel advisory from Wednesday evening through Thursday morning. The National Weather Service has issued a Special Weather Statement in effect for New York City from Wednesday evening through Thursday morning. According to the latest National Weather Service forecast, a weak low-pressure system will bring light snow, sleet, and spotty light freezing rain to the area. Light snow may begin Wednesday evening around 9 p.m. The light snow could mix with sleet and then change over to spotty, light freezing rain around midnight. The light freezing rain will continue overnight, before ending by 6 a.m. Thursday. A coating of snow is expected, with locally higher amounts of an inch possible. A glaze of ice is possible. New Yorkers are advised to allow for extra travel time, use mass transit where possible and exercise caution as roads may be slippery overnight through the morning commute.

“We are expecting light snow, sleet, and light freezing rain that may cause some slippery roads overnight through Thursday morning. Give yourself extra travel time, exercise caution, and use public transportation where possible,” said **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Joseph Esposito**.

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 emergency notification system. Through Notify NYC, New Yorkers can also receive phone calls, text messages, and/or email alerts about weather conditions and other emergencies. To learn more about the Notify NYC program or to sign up, visit NYC.gov/NotifyNYC or call 311. You can also follow @NotifyNYC on Twitter.

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