



News Release



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SUBJECT: Winter Weather Preparations

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Freezing temperatures are predicated for West Texas and Emergency Personnel would like to remind citizens of winter weather safety.

- Stay indoors if possible
- Wear layers of loose clothes, mittens or gloves and a hat
- Walk and drive carefully on wet and frozen walkways and roads
- Bring pets and plants indoors
- Keep all heaters at least three feet away from combustible objects
- Make sure children and senior citizens are warned to stay away from heat sources
- Check all heaters, stove, and fireplaces for proper installation and use
- Make sure there is adequate ventilation for heaters with open flames
- If using a central gas heating system have a working carbon monoxide detector installed
- Insulate exposed water pipes
- Open cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate around plumbing
- Identify and learn how to shut off water valves in case of pipe bursts
- Keep generators outside buildings and away from windows, doors or other openings that could allow exhaust fumes to collect inside the building
- Install and maintain working smoke detectors

Attached are facts sheets regarding cold weather and home heater safety.

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