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NEWS RELEASE

USE CAUTION ON ROADS, PRACTICE POWER OUTAGE SAFETY AS TEMPERATURES DROP

CONCORD, N.H. – The New Hampshire Department of Safety’s Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) urges residents and visitors to use caution as temperatures drop quickly Friday evening causing a flash freeze.

According to the National Weather Service in Gray, Maine, the temperatures are expected to reach freezing starting around 6 p.m. Friday. The changes in the temperatures could make for dangerous travel conditions and cause difficulties for residents without power.

“If you must travel, make sure your vehicle’s emergency kit is ready for winter,” said HSEM Director Robert Buxton. “Keep extra space between your vehicle and the one in front of it. If you lose power and need to heat your home, keep safety in mind and never use a gas range or oven as an alternative heating source.”

Director Buxton provides these additional safety reminders:

- Visit ReadyNH.gov to learn more about keeping safe during emergencies.
- Stay informed by signing up for NH Alerts and monitoring National Weather Service radio or broadcast weather reports.
- Slow down and move over for emergency vehicles.
- Never crowd the plow.
- Clear all snow and ice off your car, including your roof, around lights, and license plates before traveling.
- Bridges, overpasses, and exposed road areas are the most prone to slippery conditions.
- Use flashlights, rather than candles, for emergency lighting.
- Never operate a generator indoors.
- Only use a generator that has been wired to the building electrical service by a professional electrician.

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