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NEWS RELEASE

FIRST SIGNIFICANT WINTER STORM OF SEASON TO IMPACT PARTS OF NH

CONCORD, N.H. – The National Weather Service (NWS) in Gray, Maine, issued a Winter Storm Warning for Northern New Hampshire and a Winter Weather Advisory for some interior parts of New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Department of Safety’s Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) urges residents and visitors to be prepared.

- Coos County and Northern Carroll County have a Winter Storm Warning in effect from 1 p.m. Sunday until 1 p.m. Monday with possible total snow accumulations of up to 10 inches.
- Belknap, Southern Carroll, Merrimack, Strafford and Sullivan counties are under a Winter Storm Advisory from 7 p.m. Sunday to 10 a.m. Monday with total snow accumulations of up to 2 inches.

A Winter Storm Warning means take action; confidence in the winter storm’s impact is high and the storm is imminent or ongoing.

“As we expect the first significant snowfall of the season for parts of the state, prepare now,” said HSEM Director Robert Buxton. “Take simple steps to keep you and your family safe. Review your family emergency plan and stay informed by listening to local weather reports.”

This storm is expected to impact the Monday morning commute. Avoid driving if possible. If you must travel, go slow and use caution.

The heavy, wet snow has the potential to cause power outages. If you lose power, report outages to your utility provider every 24 hours until power is restored:

Eversource	1-800-662-7764
Liberty Utilities	1-855-349-9455
NH Electric Co-Op	1-800-343-6432
Unitil	1-888-301-7700

Director Buxton provides these additional winter weather reminders:

- Visit ReadyNH.gov to learn more preparedness tips to help you and your family stay safe.

- Monitor National Weather Service radio or broadcast weather reports to keep track of changing conditions.
- Consider working or schooling from home so that crews can safely clear the roads.
- 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.
- Find the latest road conditions at [newengland511.org](https://www.newengland511.org).
- Use flashlights, rather than candles, for emergency lighting.
- Only use a generator that has been wired to the house electrical service by a professional electrician.
- Never run a generator inside a building or in an enclosed space.

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