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PRESS RELEASE

WINTER STORM TO IMPACT PARTS OF NH FRIDAY

CONCORD, N.H. – The National Weather Service in Gray, Maine, issued a Winter Storm Warning for Rockingham County Friday. New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation urge residents and visitors to take action. This storm will significantly impact travel.

- Rockingham County has a Winter Storm Warning from 1 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday. Heavy snowfall is expected with 5-7 inches. Wind gusts as high as 35 mph Friday afternoon. Snowfall will increase in intensity during the Friday morning commute.
- Belknap, Western and Central Hillsborough and Merrimack counties have a Winter Weather Advisory from 1 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday. Snow accumulations are expected to be 3-5 inches. Snowfall will increase in intensity during the Friday morning commute.
- Eastern Hillsborough and Strafford counties have a Winter Weather Advisory from 1 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday. Snow accumulations are expected to be 3-5 inches. Snowfall could impact both the morning and evening commutes.

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

“Take time now to prepare your family. Make sure your winter emergency kit is ready,” said New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Harper. “Know what to do and have the things you need to stay safe. Learn more about emergency preparedness at ReadyNH.gov.”

Avoid driving if possible. If you must travel go slow and use caution.

“The storm Friday is expected to be a longer duration storm, with predictions of higher amounts of snow in the Seacoast and Southern New Hampshire,” said Department of Transportation Commissioner Victoria Sheehan. “Bands of snow could mean periods of high intensity snowfall. Motorists should pay close attention to conditions and consider postponing travel if possible. If one must travel during the storm, please take care to drive slowly, allowing ample time to reach your destination. Plan ahead, and

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look at weather where you are, as well as where you are traveling to. Please drive for conditions, and don't crowd the plow."

Director Harper and Commissioner Sheehan provide 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.

The core steps toward preparedness are:

1. Stay informed by signing up for NH Alerts.
2. Make an emergency kit.
3. Have a family emergency plan
4. Get involved in your community.

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NOTE: According to the National Weather Service, a Winter Storm Warning indicates that heavy snow of at least 6 inches in 12 hours, or at least 8 inches in 24 hours, is expected. It can also be issued if sleet accumulation will be at least half an inch.