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## **Minnesota Winter Hazard Awareness Week**

### **November 5 - 9, 2012**

#### **Winter Preparations.**

Winter made a brief appearance in St. Louis County in early October. The snowfall was a good reminder of what season we are transitioning to. Now it is time to get ready for the upcoming winter season. Vehicles are getting a pre-winter check-up, snow removal equipment is being prepared for use, winter clothing is being seen etc.

How do you get ready for winter? Do you have a checklist of things you need to do? The following information was provided by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety – Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The website that is mentioned provides fact sheets, video, websites etc related to each of the daily topics.

#### **Little things do matter.**

Minnesota winter is just around the corner and the question is – *are you ready for it?* Getting ready for winter doesn't always take a lot of work. Sometimes it's just a few little things that can make the difference between safety and suffering: having a survival kit in your car, changing the batteries in your carbon monoxide detector, staying well-hydrated during outdoor fun.

To help everyone minimize the risks and hazards of winter, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety – in collaboration with the National Weather Service and other local, state, and federal agencies– sponsors “**Winter Hazard Awareness Week**” each fall to educate and reinforce in people some simple behaviors and actions that lead to a warm, safe and *enjoyable* winter season. The week-long event includes a media campaign and other informational materials posted on our website:

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awareness-preparedness/Pages/winter-hazard-awareness-week.aspx>

The campaign targets specific information each day and can be used in conjunction with school, church, or civic programs.

This year, [Winter Hazard Awareness Week, is November 5 - 9, 2012.](#) Each day of the week is devoted to highlighting a specific topic of information.

#### **Monday, November 5:**

*Winter Storms – Warnings and alerts, extreme cold and heavy snow and ice*

#### **Tuesday, November 6:**

*Outdoor Winter Safety – Thin ice, keeping children safe, winter sports activities, frostbite and hypothermia and snow shoveling*

#### **Wednesday, November 7:**

*Winter Fire Safety – Heating, cooking and holiday fire safety*

#### **Thursday, November 8:**

*Indoor Winter Safety – Carbon monoxide, radon, mold, chemical and environmental exposure*

#### **Friday, November, 9:**

*Winter Driving – Winter survival kits for your vehicle, dialing 9-1-1 on a cellular phone, 511 (road) information system and snowplow safety*

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