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**Winter Weather Preparedness**

**Olympia** – Winter storms and extreme cold can cause dangerous and life-threatening conditions. Dangers include blinding wind-driven snow, extreme cold, icy road conditions, downed trees and power lines.

The Washington State Fire Marshal's Office reminds everyone that taking preparedness actions now, can make a big difference in protecting you and your family.

Follow these simple tips to keep you safe for winter weather:

- Stay informed of winter weather.
- Prepare your home by insulating walls, attics, and pipes to avoid freezing during cold weather.
- Learn how to shut off water valves in case a water pipe bursts.
- Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days without power.
- If you have an emergency generator, follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Avoid using carbon monoxide producing appliances indoors to include lighting, heating, and cooking equipment. Proper ventilation and following manufacturer's instructions are key.
- Create an emergency supply kit for your car and if possible, keep a full tank of gas.
- If you have a fireplace or wood stove, store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for back-up heating fuel.
- When preparing, keep in mind each person's specific needs to include medication, and remember your pets need's too.
- Create a home emergency supply kit to include rock salt, sand, and shovels, and include extra clothes.

For more information, contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 596-3929.

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