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In the event of a forecasted blizzard or other winter storm, we encourage you to share this with others as a helpful resource. We have included tips and links regarding preparation for inclement weather. Winter weather can be especially disastrous because of the possibility of high winds, heavy snowfall and freezing temperatures. There is also much concern for injuries and being stranded in these storms.

Taking precautions

To avoid a claim, be proactive. If a winter storm is predicted, close your business and put down salt to lessen the possibility of icy patches developing. Remove or secure anything that could blow away in a blizzard with high winds. Have contact information ready in the event that you need to report a claim after the storm. Be mindful that you may need to document damages and take pictures. To report a claim, call our 24/7 toll-free number at 1-888-875-5231 or e-mail newlosses@usli.com.



You can never be too cautious. Monitor [snowfall reports](#), and check [daily snow probability forecasts, watches, warnings and advisories](#). It is vital to wear layers, keep your gas tank filled and travel with someone else if a storm is approaching.

If you do not already have a Family Disaster Plan to implement, create one as soon as possible. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration supply a helpful [Preparedness Guide](#) with tips for implementing a plan, building a disaster supplies kit and knowing what to do when caught in a winter storm.

The best way to prepare for winter weather is to do so before winter arrives.

- Locate an emergency heat source like a fireplace, wood stove or space heater
- Store water and canned food
- Put a first aid kit together
- Know where your flashlights and batteries are located
- Look over your insurance policy
- Prepare your vehicle with a kit in case you are stranded
 - Have a shovel, windshield scraper and sand or cardboard for traction
 - Keep a phone charger, flashlight and toolkit in the trunk
 - Store food and water in the vehicle

For more information about tips for surviving winter storms, visit <http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>.

For weather information specific to winter weather, visit the National Weather Service's [Office of Climate, Water and Weather Services](#).

We hope you find this information helpful, and please be safe.

Thank you for your support and business.

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