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WINTER WEATHER SAFETY



Winter weather presents hazards including extreme cold, rain, snow, and high winds. These hazards cause an increase in car accidents, hypothermia, carbon monoxide poisoning and heart attacks from overexertion. Staying informed of inclement weather and being prepared is the key to staying safe during winter weather.



At Home:

- Have a disaster supply kit or “Go-Bag” that has enough food, water, medication, and other necessities that could last for 10 days. Be ready in case of you must evacuate.
- Ensure smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.
- Check your home heating to make sure your heating system is working properly.
 - If using a generator, keep it outside and 10 feet away from doors and windows.
 - Only use approved heaters that have the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) logo, which indicates it meets safety standards.
 - Never use stoves, barbecues, or ovens for home heating purposes as they can produce deadly carbon monoxide



Outdoors:

- Dress warmly, wearing layers of warm clothing including gloves, scarves, and hats.
- Limit your time outside in cold weather and avoid overexertion.
- Stay dry. Wet clothing loses its insulation, so change into dry clothes as soon as possible.
- Seek a warm environment and/or medical attention if you notice signs of hypothermia, which may include: shivering, disorientation, and/or drowsiness.



BUILDING YOUR EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT ✓

This month's item: **Warm clothes**. Pack jackets and other warm clothing for all household members in your go bag, in case you must quickly leave home.



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Driving and Road Safety:

- If possible, avoid driving during inclement weather.
- If you must drive in bad weather, slow down and stay alert. Fallen trees, downed power lines, potholes, and flooded streets are among the hazards that can be expected during and after storms.
- Never attempt to drive across flooded streets. Just 6 inches of fast-moving water can carry away an adult, 12 inches can carry a small car, & 2 feet can carry away a truck.
- Check your vehicles tires for proper inflation pressure and condition or tread depth.
- Keep a survival kit or go-bag in your car. A blanket, flashlight, first-aid kit, and extra clothing are just some of the recommended items.



Hazard Mitigation Plan Community Survey Deadline January 15, 2025

Link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/PVP_HMP

The Palos Verdes Peninsula cities are developing a local Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to help identify and implement hazard mitigation strategies, while also making them eligible for state and federal grant funding for emergency planning and mitigation. If you live or work on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, please take a moment to fill out this short survey to share your thoughts on hazards and risks we face locally. Results from the survey will help us better coordinate future mitigation activities to create more resilient communities! Learn more at PVPready.gov website.

GET THE NOTIFICATION

- Stay alert and pay attention to weather reports, forecasts, and warnings.
- Sign up for **Alert Southbay** to receive local emergency alerts for RPV: Text AlertSB to 888777, online at alertsouthbay.com, download the free Everbridge app on Google Play or the App Store.
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