

# KNOW YOUR WINTER WEATHER TERMS



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## Wind Chill Advisory

Issued when wind chill temperatures are expected to be a significant inconvenience to life with prolonged exposure, and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to hazardous exposure.



## Wind Chill Warning

Issued when wind chill temperatures are expected to be hazardous to life within several minutes of exposure.



## Winter Weather Advisory

Issued for accumulations of snow, freezing rain, freezing drizzle, and sleet which will cause significant inconvenience and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to life threatening situations.



## Winter Storm Watch

Alerts the public to the possibility of a blizzard, heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet. Winter Storm Watches are usually issued 12-48 hours before the beginning of a Winter Storm.



## Winter Storm Warning

Issued when hazardous winter weather in the form of heavy snow, blizzard conditions, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet is imminent or occurring. Winter Storm Warnings are usually issued 12-24 hours before the event is expected to begin.



## Blizzard Warning

Issued for sustained or gusty winds of 35 mph or more, and falling or blowing snow creating visibilities at or below 1/4 mile; these conditions should persist for at least 3 hours.

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