



# IMPACTS OF WINTER STORMS

**In order to protect ourselves during winter storms, it is necessary to understand the way that these storms may affect us!**



## Impact on Infrastructure

**The buildup of snow can cause:**

- **The collapse of roofs**
- **Falling trees and power lines**
- **Pipes that freeze and burst**

**These issues can result in heavy damage to homes and the loss of power for days**

## Health Impacts

- **Cold temperatures may cause frostbite, which is the freezing of your skin and the tissue below it**
- **Cold temperatures can also cause hypothermia, an extremely low body temperature**
- **Overexertion when shoveling snow can lead to heart attacks**

## Impacts to Roads

- **Heavy snow & winds can make it difficult to see, which can increase the likelihood of a car accident**
- **Slippery road conditions can also cause more accidents**
- **Storms can slow the delivery of mail & supplies**
- **They can also slow the response time of medical and emergency services**
- **Unsafe driving conditions can prevent people from travelling to work, school, and other places**

## More Information!

**Now that you know how winter storms can impact you, check out this link for ways to prepare yourself ahead of time!**

**<https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>**