

# Keeping Minnesota *Ready*



## MINNESOTA WINTER HAZARD AWARENESS WEEK – NOVEMBER 9 - 13, 2015

Minnesota summers are cherished times. People spend every warm minute they can enjoying their lakes, cabins, sports, festivals and fairs. But as the season turns to fall, and the air turns crisp, we know a Minnesota winter is soon on the way. And as we get out the gloves and boots, it's time to refresh our winter safety knowledge and skills - and get prepared.



That's why the Minnesota Department of Public Safety division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DPS-HSEM) in collaboration with the National Weather Service, sponsors the annual **"Winter Hazard Awareness Week"** public information campaign each year.

The week features an intense news and social media information campaign that highlights daily topics related to winter weather safety. The HSEM [Winter Weather Safety website](#) offers additional information, checklists, and resources to assist in local education efforts throughout the season. We encourage people, families, businesses, and organizations to use the information to review, refresh and share their winter safety knowledge and habits.

## WINTER HAZARD AWARENESS WEEK TOPICS

- **Monday, November 9:**  
[Winter Weather Overview](#) – Ice storms, blizzards, sub-zero temperatures, winter weather watches and warnings and wind chill
- **Tuesday, November 10:**  
[Outdoor Winter Safety](#) – Safety on ice, snowmobile safety, hypothermia and frostbite
- **Wednesday, November 11:**  
[Winter Fire Safety](#) – Winter and holiday fire safety, alternative heat sources, smoke detectors, cooking safety, candles and decorations
- **Thursday, November 12:**  
[Indoor Winter Safety](#) – Carbon monoxide, radon, mold and general home care
- **Friday, November 13:**  
[Winter Driving](#) – auto safety, snowplows, road conditions, using 5-1-1, winter driving tips, car survival kits