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ReadyWisconsin's Simple Safety Steps for this Week's Storms

Keep your family safe by planning ahead for the weather

(MADISON) – With heavy snow and potential blizzard conditions hitting Wisconsin this week, Wisconsin Emergency Management's ReadyWisconsin campaign is asking families to protect themselves by planning ahead for the weather and taking three simple safety steps:

1. The combination of dry, heavy snows with powerful winds is expected to create blizzard conditions throughout the southern portion of the state. If you must travel, **check on the road conditions before you start your trip by calling 511 or by visiting www.511wi.gov.**
2. **Pack a winter kit for your car and keep it in an area where you can always reach it.** If you become stranded and must wait for help, you may need the items to stay safe. Your kit should contain an extra blanket, protein bars or other non-perishable food items, a bottle of water, a flashlight with extra batteries and a car charger for your cell phone.
3. **Be sure to wear multiple layers of clothing if you head outdoors this week.** A hat, scarf and gloves can help fight frostbite, and a tightly woven coat is your best defense against strong winter winds.

For more safety tips, visit the ReadyWisconsin website at <http://ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov>.

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