



# Winter Safety

## Travel Safety

- Pay attention weather conditions and heed the advice of local officials.
- Stay off the road during and after a winter storm until conditions are favorable to drive.
- Update and/or put a winter supply kit in your car.
- Let somebody know when you leave and arrive as well as the route you will be taking.
- Pay attention to landmarks (mile markers, exit numbers, etc) to assist emergency responders if you do need emergency assistance.
- Take you cell phone and a charger and/or extra battery.



## Avoid the “Invisible Killer”



Carbon monoxide (CO) is called the “Invisible Killer” because it’s a colorless, odorless, and poisonous gas. According to the [U.S. Fire Administration](#), more than 150 people in the United States die every year from accidental non-fire related CO poisoning associated with consumer products, including generators. Other products include faulty, improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters, and fireplaces.

Protect your family from CO poisoning:

- Install and maintain CO alarms in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of your home to provide early warning of CO.
- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows, and vents.
- Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris.

## After the Storm

- Check your house vents for any obstruction as well as the formation of ice dams that cause water to back up under the shingles and cause leaks.
- If you have a lot of snow on your roof, it may be possible to remove the snow and ice from your sloped roof using a roof rake – a long-handled tool designed specifically for this purpose. Stand on the ground and pull as much of the snow off the eaves as you can safely reach.

