

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR WINTER WEATHER?

A winter storm typically creates an inconvenience to travelers and can cause a higher risk of vehicle accidents, but it's important to know that severe winter storms can bring extreme conditions that can cause medical emergencies from overexertion, floods, and extended power outages. Therefore, it's a good idea to prepare yourself and your business for severe winter weather as you would for any other severe weather event.

Do you remember when a snowstorm meant sleeping in a little longer and then warming up with some hot cocoa? As adults, we are more mindful of the dangers of severe weather and the negative impacts it may have on business.

At Access, we work to help you prepare for, and minimize the impact of severe weather events. Here are steps you can take now to better protect yourself and your important information:

- Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather and winter storms.
- Sign up for your community's warning system. If none exists in your area, the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.
- Ensure all devices are fully charged.
- Stay informed and use the resources provided on our Business Continuity Resources page. On this page, you will find:
 - News on any severe event that may impact Access business operations
 - Preparedness resources
 - Links to external sources, and much more
- Create an emergency plan that includes knowing your evacuation zone and the route you will use to evacuate, if necessary.
- Check out www.ready.gov for tips about winter storm preparation. Access-specific updates are posted at www.accesscorp.com/business-continuity-resources/.

Important things to do before a severe winter storm occurs

- Validate Authorized Users and provide current contact information
- Review and update Disaster Recovery plans
- Gather supplies for an emergency supply kit, remember to include medications for each person's needs and prepare for power outages including extra batteries for radios and flashlights
- Once it is safe and/or travel is no longer restricted, we will make all efforts to complete and reschedule affected orders

Severe winter weather may affect you or your business by causing:

- Extended power outages
- Loss of heat
- Communications to be cut off
- Flooding
- Evacuations
- Declared states of emergency



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