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# Winter Weather Happens. Be **#TalbotReady**

## Three Steps for Safety

### 01 PREPARE

Getting ready *before the storm* arrives helps you stay home safely and avoid unnecessary travel.

#### EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

##### Home & Supplies

- Food and water for at least 3 days
- Medications and medical supplies
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Phone chargers / backup battery
- Pet food and supplies

##### Power & Heat

- Charge phones and devices
- Test generators (if used)
- Consider safe alternative heat source
- Check to see if carbon monoxide detectors working

##### Vehicles & Travel

- Fuel up vehicles
- Emergency kit in car (blanket, flashlight)
- Avoid travel plans during the storm

##### Home Prep

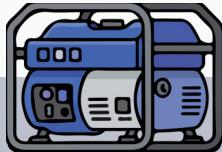
- Bring in or secure outdoor items
- Set thermostat safely
- Check on neighbors who may need help

### 02 PAUSE

When conditions are dangerous, the safest choice is to stay home and let crews do their jobs.

#### SAFETY TIPS

- Stay home and avoid unnecessary travel
- Roads are for snow plows and emergency vehicles
- Conditions can change quickly—even if it looks passable
- Check for updates before heading out
- If you must travel, tell someone your plans



#### GENERATOR SAFETY

- Never use generators indoors or in garages
- Keep generators at least 20 feet from doors and windows
- Use carbon monoxide-safe placement only outdoors
- Let generators cool before refueling

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**PROCEED WITH CAUTION** Even after the storm passes, ice and dangerous conditions can linger. Slow down and stay alert as you return to normal routines.

## SAFETY TIPS

### Shovel Safely

- Pace yourself and take frequent breaks
- Push snow when possible; avoid lifting heavy loads
- Dress in layers and stay hydrated

### Take It Slow on the Roads

- Watch for ice and black ice, especially on bridges
- Allow extra stopping distance
- Give plows and salt trucks plenty of space

### Watch Your Step

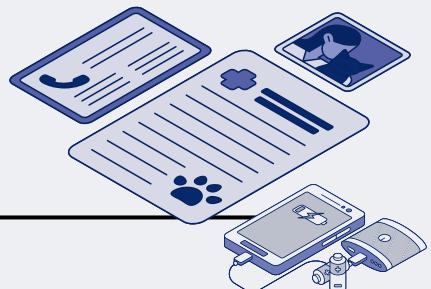
- Sidewalks, steps, and parking lots may still be icy
- Wear shoes with good traction
- Use handrails when available

### Expect Delays

- School, work, and services may reopen slowly
- Plan extra time and consider telework if available

## Emergency Contacts

**Emergencies** 911



**Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** 988

**Non-Emergency Line** 410-822-0095

**Talbot County Sheriff's Department Office** 410-822-1020

**Poison Control** 800-222-1222

**Local Substance Abuse Peer Support Hotline (Grace Street)** 443-439-1820