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Prepare for Winter Storm

(Kahnawake – 6, Enníska/February 2020) The Public Safety Division of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke is advising the community that Environment Canada has issued a Winter Storm Watch in effect for Kahnawà:ke, for up to 50 centimeters of snow, beginning today (Thursday) until tomorrow, Friday, February 7th. Public Safety will be monitoring the situation.

The Emergency Preparedness & Planning Department is providing tips and reminders to help with the storm:

- Only travel if you must. If travelling bring extra warm clothing and have a full tank of gas in case you are stuck in traffic or have an accident.
- Stock up on essential food, water, and medication.
- Check in with family members, especially elders.
- Use caution when shoveling. Take breaks, push the snow instead of lifting it when possible.

Winter storms create a higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from overexertion. Blizzards can also bring extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice, and high winds. Winter storms can:

- Last a few hours or several days.
- Knock out heat, power, and communication services.
- Place older adults, young children, and sick individuals at greater risk.

Please note that weather is always subject to change and all information related to potential upcoming weather is intended to be taken as a warning to be prepared.

For more information on how to prepare for storms, please visit www.kahnawake.com/beprepared or contact Public Safety at 450-632-0635.