



News Release

Shelby County Office of Preparedness



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An Update from the Shelby County Office of Preparedness Emergency Operations Center

Wind Chill Advisory

Dangerously cold temperatures continue today. The high will only reach the 20s. Tonight's low will be in the teens.

"Frostbite and hypothermia can quickly occur. Dress warmly, even if you're going to be outside for a brief time," said Dale Lane, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness. **"Check on neighbors, seniors and those who live alone,"** added Director Lane.

Warming Center

The Memphis Office of Emergency Management is operating a warming center at the Benjamin Hooks Main Library at 3030 Poplar. Hours are from 9 p.m. through 8 a.m. Call **(901) 636-2525** for transportation.

Winter Weather Tips

- **Emergency kits.** Check supplies for the home, vehicle and work station.
- **Winterize your vehicle.** Have an ice scraper handy and check the battery, heater, defroster, lights, tires, brakes, antifreeze levels and wiper blades. Keep the gas tank filled.
- **Minimize travel.** Use roads most traveled. Let others know your intended route and estimated time of arrival.
- **Dress for winter.** Keep dry. Wear light layers under a heavy coat. Also wear socks, boots, a hat, scarf and gloves.
- **Winterize your home.** Wrap exposed pipes, open cabinet doors and allow faucets to drip. Do not operate space heaters unless you are in the room with them. Keep heaters at least three (3) feet from flammable objects. Have alternative heating sources (fireplace or propane heater). Should the power go out, don't use a generator indoors. Have an ABC fire extinguisher, smoke detector, and carbon monoxide detector in your home.
- **Pets.** Bring them inside.

For more information about winter preparedness, please visit the Shelby County Office of Preparedness website www.staysafeshelby.us or call (901) 222-6700.

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