On an average year, winter weather is directly or indirectly involved in 400,000 vehicular accidents in the United States, leading to 1,300 fatalities. Add to that, loss of life due to avalanches and exposure to cold, plus billions of dollars in economic losses, and it is clear that winter weather is a significant threat. Remember to adjust driving behaviors during winter weather. When the first snowstorms hit the valley, a higher number of crashes are observed, because people just aren’t used to adjusting their driving for winter conditions. Snow, sleet, and ice on the road require drivers to be more diligent, attentive, and cautious.” Kevin Barjenbruch NOAA/National Weather Service


#1 Winter storms in Utah are inevitable. With this in mind, check out the winter safety information below

**Preparedness tips for before the storm hits**
- Build an emergency kit for your home and/or business
- Winterize your vehicle and make sure you have an emergency kit in it
- Winterize your home/ business
- Monitor NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards, your favorite news source, NWS websites, and/or social media feeds for vital weather information

**Extreme cold**
- Know the symptoms of hypothermia and frostbite, and how to treat them
- Know the expected wind-chill conditions for the day, and plan outdoor activities accordingly

**Travel preparedness tips**
- Monitor road conditions before departing: Use the Utah Department of Transportation Road Weather page at http://udottraffic.utah.gov/RoadWeatherForecast.aspx
- Drive for the conditions: Slow down, allow extra braking distance, do not tailgate
- Allow snowplow operators to do their job: Maintain a safe distance/avoid passing snowplows on roadways that are only one lane in each direction
- Remain alert for sudden road condition changes, such as ice on bridges, and snow and blowing snow reducing visibilities

#2 Please be aware that Flu Vaccinations Week is Dec 4-10, 2016. Below are some links that can be shared at your business.

#3 Don’t forget holiday safety measures. Here are some links with great tools to ensure your workplace is safe and ready.
http://www.businessinsurance.org/protecting-your-business-during-the-holidays/

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