

MEMO

To: Ted Wright, Executive Director
From: Reggie Peone Jr., Emergency Manager
Date: 10/11/21
Re: **Preparing for Winter Weather 10-11-2021**

**Emergency
Management**



Good afternoon, Spokane Tribe:

It's that time of year again in NE Washington State and on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Winter weather and storms create a higher risk of auto accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from overexertion. Winter storms including blizzards, freezing rain, snow accumulation, ice and high winds will be upon us before we know it.

Tonight, freezing temperatures have been projected on and around the Reservation. Tuesday evening and Wednesday may bring early winter snow, freezing rain and unseasonably low temperatures.

As we move into the winter weather months, it is important to reduce the risks to your homes and families. Make sure that your chimney has been properly cleaned if you are using a woodstove, as improperly cleaned chimneys are a leading cause of house-fires. Avoid unnecessary travel and ensure that your vehicles are properly equipped for winter travel if you must drive in precarious weather.

Below are several links to Best Practices from ready.gov to ensure that you and your household stay safe and warm this winter.

<https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather#prepare>

<https://www.ready.gov/home-fires>