# OREGON UNIVERSITY OF

# OREGON SEVERE WEATHER – ICE/SNOW

### **BEFORE**

Announcements about campus delays, cancellations, or closures will be made on the University of Oregon homepage, UO Alert, and on the UO Alerts blog at alerts.uoregon.edu.

- 1. Sign up for the UO Alert emergency notification system safety.uoregon.edu/uo-alerts
- 2. Be aware of developing weather risks by monitoring the National Weather Service, local news, or weather apps on your phone.
- 3. Have gear ready to adjust to changes in the weather. Consider keeping a dry set of clothing handy to change out of wet clothes.



Essential services and resources will continue to operate during a campus closure (policy number IV.07.02). Persons not serving those operations should refrain from visiting a closed campus. This facilitates a safe and rapid return to normal campus operations.

#### Snow and Ice

- 1. Dress appropriately! Wear warm clothes and footwear that has better traction on the snow and ice. Cover extremities, especially in high winds, to lower the risk of frostbite.
- 2. Avoid areas underneath tall trees or steep roofs that may avalanche or collapse
- 3. Exercise extreme caution while driving. Leave more room between other vehicles; slow down gradually; use snow tires and/or chains.
- 4. Be aware and stay clear of downed or sagging powerlines.
- 5. Check the <u>Winter Weather Map</u> regularly to be aware of route impacts caused by the storm

## Walking Tips for Snow and Ice – Walk Like a Duck

- 1. Bend slightly forward and walk with your center of gravity directly over your feet as much as possible.
- 2. Take short steps with your toes pointing slightly outward.
- 3. Never try to jump or take large steps over puddles or ice patches, as it could throw off your balance. Try instead to walk around them.
- 4. Keep your hands out of your pockets (wear gloves).
- 5. Use a backpack to avoid carrying anything in your hands.
- 6. If you fall, try to fall with sequential contacts and your thigh, hip, and shoulder (rolling into a fall). Bend your back and head forward to avoid hitting your head against the ground during a fall.

# **AFTER**

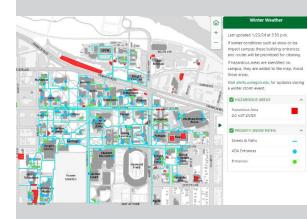
- 1. Notify the UOPD at 541-346-2919 for hazards that pose an imminent threat.
- 2. Notify CPFM at 541-346-2319 of any damage or other hazards that do not pose an imminent threat.



Sign up for UO Alert on Duck Web to receive updates via text message and check <u>alerts.uoregon.edu</u> for campus information.



When outdoors, avoid hazardous areas such as tall trees, debris piles, or flooded areas.



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