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### ***American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter Offers Winter Storm Safety Checklist***

Hyannis, Mass, November 17, 2009 - The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, is encouraging the public to be prepared for winter storm season. The Red Cross has published a special winter storm checklist which provides information about the different types of storm, gives tips on how to dress for and prepare homes for storms, as well as information on what to do after a storm hits.

Winter storms can range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. Some winter storms are large enough to affect several states, while others affect only a single community. Many winter storms are accompanied by dangerously low temperatures and sometimes by strong winds, icing, sleet and freezing rain.

If you experience a severe winter storm, or any disaster and have to leave your home, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well web site available through **RedCross.org** to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you don't have Internet access, call **1-866-GET-INFO** to register yourself and your family.

During a winter storm, the Red Cross remains committed to its core services of maintaining a safe blood supply, educating the public on preparedness, and providing disaster relief to those in need.

For the winter storm check list or more information on how to be prepared for winter season or for volunteer opportunities, visit [cciredcross.org](http://cciredcross.org) or call toll-free (508) 775-1540 or (866) 762-1928. You can also write to: American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis MA 02601.

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