

# Severe Winter Storm Profile

## SUMMARY OF SEVERE WINTER STORMS RISK FACTORS

Period of occurrence:	Winter
Number of Events to-date: 1976 - 12/04/2007	13
Probability of event(s):	Likely
Warning time:	Days for snow Minutes to hours for ice.
Potential Impact(s):	Utility damage and outages, infrastructure damage (transportation and communication systems), structural damage, and damaged or destroyed critical facilities Can cause severe transportation problems and make travel extremely dangerous. Power outages, which results in loss of electrical power and potentially loss of heat, and human life. Extreme cold temperatures may lead to frozen water mains and pipes, damaged car engines, and prolonged exposure to cold resulting in frostbite.
Cause injury or death	Injury and slight risk of death. Significant threat to the elderly.
Potential Facility Shutdown	Days

