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Winter Weather Checklist

Mark with a Y or N to indicate if the requirements are met or not.

- Understand terms used by the National Weather Service and utilize their radio and TV updates.
- Keep posted to serve your present customers and future customers that seek safe haven from the weather.
- Many hospitality facilities have back-up generators to keep their facilities open for stranded customers. Look at your budget if you do not have one and see if you can create room to purchase one suitable for your facility.
- If you are in the food service industry as this time of year approaches, it may be to your advantage to increase your stores for a severe winter storm.
- If your facility is heated by natural gas make sure that the boilers are operating properly.
- Understand the impact of the wind chill index to be able to warn employees and customers.
- Being in cold weather can be dangerous to employees. Review OSHA standards for winter weather safety. Know that overexertion of employees and customers can lead to increased heart attacks and strokes.
- Frost bite and hypothermia need to be attended to for employees and customers during winter storm situations. Provide and train first aid in these situations.
- Do not keep employees such as valet outside in the elements for too long and allow them to dress warmly to stay safe.