

## The "What If" Times

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### SEPTEMBER IS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

**AND NOW...its time for you to think about... Tah Dah !!!**

#### **Fall Weather Hazards**

*The humming birds have left, the tomatoes are waning and you can feel that "feeling" of fall. It brings cool air, football, school, and trees turning colors. **But it also brings** weather hazards such as strong storms, strong winds, early snows (we hope) and slick roads. Don't let dangerous fall weather catch you unprepared! Here are some things to consider.*

#### **1. KNOW YOUR RISK:**

**Check your local weather. Two good options here:**

Go to: <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/rev/> or <http://www.weather.gov/>

**CHECK** it every morning before you leave home to make sure your are prepared for what the weather might bring for the day. You know how our weather can change in a few minutes.

#### **2. TAKE ACTION !**

**Learn about hazards.** If you have lived in Nevada a while you know the fall and winter can be fickle and who knows what it may bring from day to day. If you are new to Nevada, and particularly our higher altitudes, learn what the potential problems can be. Unexpected snow in VC or the Highlands. Ice and slick roads everywhere including the valleys, Lockwood and the Industrial Complex.

#### **3. BE YOU OWN FORCE OF NATURE:**

**Inspire others to become aware of our special weather concerns here in Northern Nevada.** You can tell others via all sorts of social media, Facebook, Tweet, blog posts, or even the phone.

#### **4. ALWAYS REMEMBER: Emergency supply kits, and Family communications plans for emergencies.**

➔ 5. GET A NOAA Weather Radio. They are **battery powered**, will give you weather alerts as well as general emergency or disaster information with alerts going out around the region. (*oh, yeah, lay in a supply of batteries for the winter....its a good idea*)

➔ 6. WORKPLACE PREPAREDNESS, is another area you want to think about. You spend the day there and often conditions deteriorate by the time you get off work. Be sure you are prepared to be able to get home.

**REGARDLESS OF THE SEASON**, Northern Nevada can have surprises for us all year around. Snow, hail, rain, floods, heavy winds, wildland fires, icy roads, rocks on the highways, sudden cold, hot in the summer, etc.

*I have seen it snow in EVERY month of the year here on the Comstock at one time or another. ...and boy, do the tourists get a surprise !*

*My mother always told me (for winter preparedness in your car) to have two Hershey bars in the glove box, a pair of gloves (in case you gotta put on chains), a light jacket and a heavy jacket in the car and a bottle of water.....ALL YEAR AROUND.....that's how you survive in Northern Nevada. She told me other stuff too, but it was mostly about behaving myself. Ha! Not sure if it worked.*

**BE PREPARED throughout the year.**

**DON'T WAIT. COMMUNICATE.  
MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.**



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH!



**IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE "What If Times" :**

*We may get to moving around a bit with preparedness information but it will all be useful*

*PS: Thanks to those of you who have emailed to say they find the information useful.....and I didn't even have to bribe them with lunch !*

**OH YEAH:** If there is a subject in particular that you would like us to bring forward, let me know. If I don't know anything about it I can always make it up !  
*Don't ask about social media stuff or I will have to get help from Cherie.*