

# ALWAYS READY FOR: SNOW SQUALLS



Snow squalls are a key wintertime weather hazard. They move in and out quickly, and typically last less than an hour. The sudden white-out conditions combined with falling temperatures produce icy roads in just a few minutes. Although snow accumulations are typically an inch or less, the added combination of gusty winds, falling temperatures and quick reductions in visibility can cause extremely dangerous conditions for motorists.



Deadly traffic accidents occur due to reduced visibility, falling snow, and rapidly falling temperatures.



Snow squalls may produce lightning - just like summer thunderstorms!

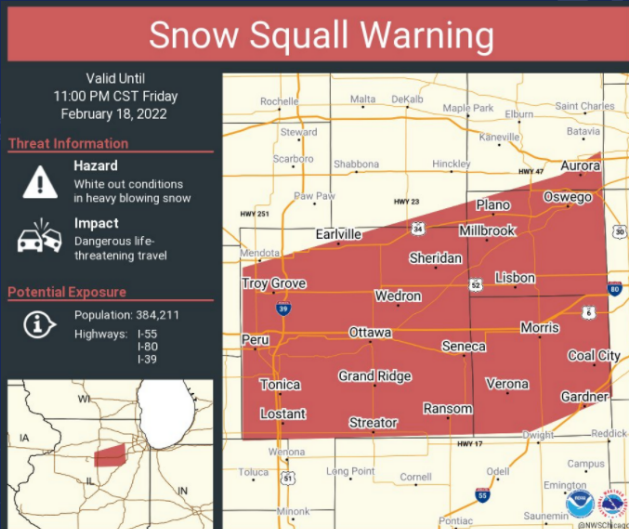


A snow squall is also known as winter's tornado because of its short duration and potential for high impacts.



Snow Squall from car.  
Source: National Weather Service

# SNOW SQUALL SAFETY



## Snow Squall Warning -

brief 30 - 60 minute warning issued for short duration intense bursts of snow and wind leading to whiteout visibility & possible flash freezes on roads.

## BEFORE THE SQUALL

- ✓ Know your risk
- ✓ Sign up for emergency notifications
- ✓ Prepare yourself and car by creating an emergency kit for travel, filling up your gas tank, and having a fully charged phone.

## DURING THE SQUALL

- ✓ IMMEDIATELY move off the roadway to a parking lot. There is not safe place on the road, not even the shoulder!

## AFTER THE SQUALL

- ✓ Stay informed of road conditions and information from public officials as freezing temperatures may leave behind unsafe road conditions.
- ✓ Assess and take pictures of any damages if you are in an accident.



Pileup from snow squall in Pennsylvania 2017.  
Source: The Morning Call



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