



# **NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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## **Press Release**

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### **Child Safety and Winter Driving Concerns**

The Northfield Police Department is asking all community members to exercise extra caution and attention in response to our recent heavy snowfalls.

1. As snow removal has taken place on city streets and private property, snow has piled up to a very high level along streets, sidewalks, and driveways. The snow is blocking vision for drivers and pedestrians, creating a significant safety concern. Please consider the following warnings:
  - Children are especially hard to see at many crosswalks, intersections, or driveway areas. Please slow down and watch for children in these areas.
  - Areas near schools, routes to schools, and bus stops are especially dangerous with the current snow and ice conditions.
  - In addition to reduced views due to snow in the right of way, there are icy spots on roadways. Drivers are urged to slow down and spend extra time scanning roadside areas.
  - Parents should talk to children about the dangers associated with the snow piled along roadways.
  
2. The heavy snowfalls have covered fire hydrants and sidewalks. Property owners are reminded:
  - They are responsible for clearing sidewalks.
  - Fire hydrants should be cleared of snow and made accessible for Firefighters. This is vital for the safety of your neighborhood.
  
3. Street Department crews continue to plow and clear streets. All community members are reminded of the following parking restrictions:
  - During Snow Emergencies, there is no parking on City streets or downtown City parking lots until the Snow Emergency ends or streets are plowed curb to curb.
  - From November 15 through March 15, there is no parking overnight on City streets.
  - Cars parked in violation are subject to ticketing and/or towing.
  - Check the City of Northfield website for Snow Emergency information