



# Operational Bulletin

22 November 2024

Hi all,

Please ensure you take note of and/or action the below, and make your colleagues and crewmates aware over the coming weeks.

We are anticipating an increase in wet, wintry weather, with potential for snow as we progress into December. First and foremost, please be aware of your own safety, wearing suitable clothing for the weather and accounting for the change in driving conditions.

It is recommended that staff consider wearing a jacket, particularly during snowfall. Bodyworn video cameras can be fitted to the green coats, but may not be suitable for use with the hi-visibility jackets. Some staff may choose to wear a green “beanie” hat with ambulance branding.

Drivers should be mindful of the decreased grip on roads and increased braking distances, especially when transporting patients or driving under blue light conditions. This is a reminder that you are to adjust your speeds based on weather conditions, as per your driver training.

We are expecting an influx of winter-related illnesses, such as chest infections, viral illnesses, and more calls from our elderly population. In addition to this, we may see additional traumatic injuries due to the weather. Hypothermia must be considered in many of our patients, particularly the elderly, trauma patients, and those who have been outdoors for prolonged periods.

As always, if you have any questions, please ask.

Thank you,  
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