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Hazardous Travel Conditions Anticipated

The North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) is advising motorists to prepare for dangerous travel conditions over the next several days as a significant winter weather system moves across the state.

Beginning tonight and continuing through noon on Tuesday, freezing rain is expected in western and central North Dakota. Additionally, high winds—gusting up to 65 mph—will impact the southwest, south-central, and central regions from Tuesday morning, December 9, through early morning Wednesday, December 10.

The combination of freezing rain and strong winds will create hazardous driving conditions. The NDHP urges all motorists to reconsider travel plans. High-profile, long-load, and permitted over-dimensional vehicles will be especially affected. The NDHP may restrict travel for these vehicles if wind or weather conditions cause swaying, whipping, or other unsafe movement.

Federal regulations direct the operators of commercial motor vehicles (CMV) to reduce speeds when hazardous conditions such as snow, ice, sleet, fog, mist, rain, dust or smoke adversely affect visibility or traction. These same regulations direct CMV drivers to cease operations altogether if conditions become sufficiently dangerous.

Stay informed with the latest road conditions at [https:// travel.dot.nd.gov](https://travel.dot.nd.gov)

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