

UCO Winter Weather Tips

- [View a campus map showing building entrances that are prepared first during inclement winter weather.](#)
- Be cautious walking on sidewalks and in public places, and entering or exiting your car, especially if it's covered with ice or snow.
- Avoid wearing high-heeled shoes or boots outside. Wear flat shoes with slip-resistant soles or rain/snow boots that provide traction.
- Concentrate on your path. Walk with your knees slightly bent, feet widely apart, arms held out to your sides and take slow, short, flat steps. The heels and soles of your shoes should stay in contact with the ground as long as possible. Don't carry heavy items, and grip a handrail if possible.
- Use sidewalks whenever possible. If there is no sidewalk and the street is clear, walk against the flow of traffic, and stay close to the curb. Remember, cars and trucks slip and slide, too.
- Wear clothing that does not restrict vision.
- Ice can hide under a light dusting of snow. Just because you don't see ice doesn't mean it's not there.
- Be aware of overhead hazards. Falling icicles and chunks of ice are dangerous. Icicles can grow quickly. Their size and dagger-like formation are extremely dangerous for pedestrians.
- Remove shoes or boots once you get inside. Snow and ice often stick to the soles and will melt almost immediately as shoes begin to warm up. The result is a slippery surface and the risk of a fall.
- Never pour water on a windshield to remove ice or snow; shattering may occur.
- Stock vehicles with survival gear such as blankets, a shovel, a hand-cranked flashlight, additional warm clothing, tire chains, jumper cables, energy foods and brightly colored cloth for a distress flag. Also, your gas tank should be full. You should have a cell phone with charger, and make sure someone knows your route to work.
- If you have to drive on icy roads, decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
- When going outside, be sure to dress in layers of loose-fitting clothes that are lightweight. This will help keep you warm while pulling the moisture away from your body. Wear a hat to keep your body heat in and a scarf over your mouth to prevent cold air from entering your lungs.