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## TIP SHEET



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#SnowSquallSafetyPA



# SNOW SQUALLS



### WHAT ARE THEY?

- Intense short-lived moderate to heavy snowfall bursts
- Quick reduction in visibility and whiteout conditions from gusty winds
- Associated with strong cold fronts which bring Arctic air during winter



### WHAT ARE THE IMPACTS?

- Rapidly deteriorating conditions can cause roads to become icy and slick in a matter of minutes; "Flash Freeze"
- Often lead to chain-reaction accidents and treacherous travel

### SAFETY:

- There is no safe place on a highway during a snow squall event
- Consider an alternate route or delaying travel, reduce speed and turn on headlights
- **STAY ALERT AND WEATHER AWARE!**



## THERE IS NO SAFE PLACE ON A HIGHWAY DURING A SNOW SQUALL



### What is a snow squall?

- A brief but intense period of heavy snow, strong winds, and whiteout conditions.
- Can cause roads to become icy.

### What is a snow squall warning?

- Issued for areas that will be impacted by snow squalls.
- Will trigger an alert on your cell phone.

[penndot.gov/winter](http://penndot.gov/winter)

[weather.gov/safety/winter-snow-squall](http://weather.gov/safety/winter-snow-squall)

### If a snow squall warning is issued, what should I do?

Avoid or delay motor travel until the squall passes through your location.



### What if I am already traveling?

Safely exit the road at the next opportunity.



### What if I cannot exit the road in time?

- Slow down gradually.
- Turn on your headlights and hazard lights.
- Stay in your lane.
- Increase your following distance.
- **Avoid** slamming on your brakes.



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