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Cumberland County Urges Residents to Clear Heating System Vents of Snow

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania – The Cumberland County Department of Public Safety continues to see an increase in 9-1-1 calls reporting carbon monoxide and or furnace malfunctions in homes. DPS is urging residents to take time to clear outdoor heating units and most importantly any exterior vents of snow to allow them to continue to function properly.

When outside shoveling or clearing snow from heating units remember to avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack—a major cause of death in the winter. Use caution, take breaks, push the snow instead of lifting it when possible, and lift lighter loads. Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly. Cover exposed skin.

Residents should avoid traveling as roadway conditions are very hazardous. Utility outages are possible and should be reported directly to the utility company. More information can be found by following Cumberland County DPS on Facebook or Twitter (@ccpa_net_dps911).

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