

On November 1, 2018 the NWS will implement a new polygon based Snow Squall Warning. Snow squall warnings are short-fused and focused on distinct areas (like flash flood and severe thunderstorm warnings). The brief but intense snow events are rare in our area, but when they do occur can be life threatening for motorists, leading to multi-car pile-ups on high speed roadways.

- For more information on the new NWS polygon based snow squall warning see the following Service Change Notice (SCN) at :https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn18-90swq_dsw_operaaa.pdf.
- For more information on snow squalls and snow squall safety please see: <https://www.weather.gov/safety/winter-snow-squall>



What Is a Snow Squall?



- Intense short-lived burst of heavy snowfall
- Quick reduction in visibilities and is often accompanied by gusty winds.
- Similar to blizzard conditions, but localized and shorter in duration.
- Typically occur during the daytime hours.
- Often causes chain-reaction accidents resulting in injuries and deaths.

Before Snow Squall Hits



After Snow Squall Hits



All through the winter season you can find our latest snow, ice, and rainfall forecasts for the local Tri-State Region, including snowfall probability maps and tables for your area of interest, on our Winter Weather Forecast Page: <https://www.weather.gov/okx/winter>.

And as always stay situationally aware of potential weather hazards and impacts by monitoring the:

- NWS New York, NY website: <http://weather.gov/nyc>
- Emergency Manager Page: https://www.weather.gov/okx/emnew_winter
- Experimental Hazardous Weather Outlook Page: <https://www.weather.gov/okx/ehwo>

Finally, we encourage you to become a [WeatherReady Nation Ambassador](#), and assist the NWS in building a nation that is ready, responsive, and resilient to the impacts of extreme weather and water

events, by providing weather safety information to the public via social media, outreach, websites and other venues. To sign up for this program, go to this website: <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/amb-tou>