

# Portage Prepares

Helping Portage County Citizens prepare for emergencies and disasters.



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## Snow Emergency Classifications

**LEVEL 1:** Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be icy. Motorists are urged to drive very cautiously.

**LEVEL 2:** Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be very icy. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roads. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work. Motorists should use extreme caution.

**LEVEL 3:** All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be driving during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel or a personal emergency exists. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.

## ORC 2917.13. Misconduct at emergency.

(A) No person shall knowingly do any of the following:

- 1. Hamper the lawful operations of any law enforcement officer, firefighter, rescuer, medical person, emergency medical services person, or other authorized person, engaged in the person's duties at the scene of a fire, accident, disaster, riot or emergency of any kind;
- 2. Hamper the lawful activities of any emergency facility person who is engaged in the person's duties in an emergency facility;
- 3. Fail to obey the lawful order of any law enforcement officer engaged in the law enforcement officer's duties at the scene of or in connection with a fire, accident, disaster or emergency of any kind.

(B) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit access or deny information to any news media representative in the lawful exercise of the news media representative's duties.

(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of misconduct at an emergency. Except as otherwise provided in this division, misconduct at an emergency is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If a violation of this section creates a risk of physical harm to persons or property, misconduct at an emergency is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(D) As used in this section:

- 1. "Emergency medical services person" is the singular of "emergency medical services personnel" as defined in section 2133.21 of the Revised Code.
- 2. "Emergency facility person" is the singular of "emergency facility personnel" as defined in section 2909.04 of the Revised Code.
- 3. "Emergency facility" has the same meaning as in section 2909.04 of the Revised Code.

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To view the state's weather-related road closures and restrictions, visit the Ohio Department of Transportation's traffic Web site at [www.buckeyetraffic.org](http://www.buckeyetraffic.org).

