Cold Weather Alert Planning Advice

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Forecast for Mon 28 Jan 2019 to Fri 01 Feb 2019

General Situation: Generally sunny or bright during this period, but cold with moderate to severe overnight frosts. However, a band of more organised precipitation will move into much of England on Tuesday evening, with a risk of disruptive snow over central and southern parts overnight into Wednesday. Another band of snow arriving from the southwest later Thursday also has the potential to bring further disruption. Consequently, thresholds are likely to be reached across many regions and during most of this period, though possibly less cold across parts of the south by Friday.

Forecast for Sat 02 Feb 2019 to Mon 11 Feb 2019

General Situation: Colder than average conditions are more likely to persist into this period, with overnight frosts and a risk of ice in places. Some periods of unsettled weather are expected at times, with strong winds locally which would bring a significant wind chill. This would also bring the risk of snow to low levels just about anywhere, with the risk of being disruptive in places. Overall, coldest conditions will generally be across northern parts, however there will also be an increasing risk of some snowfall further south.

Forecast for Tue 12 Feb 2019 to Tue 26 Feb 2019

General Situation: An higher than average chance of cold or very cold conditions are likely to dominate the weather throughout this period, easterly or northeasterly winds dominating. This would bring an enhanced risk of snow, as well as widespread and occasionally severe frosts, although the exact details remain very uncertain. Some milder interludes are likely to occur, however these could bring further spells of snow as they encounter the cold air across the country.

Region	% Risk Day 1 to 5	% Risk Day 6 to 15	% Risk Day 16 to 30	Trigger criteria for each Region - (Deg C)
NE England	90	80	60	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.
NW England	90	80	60	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.
Yorks & Humber	90	80	60	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.

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West Midlands	80	80	60	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.
East Midlands	80	80	60	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.
East of England	70	80	60	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.
SE England	70	70	60	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.
London	70	70	60	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.
SW England	60	70	60	Average temp of 2C or less for at least 48 hours, or we anticipate issuing a warning for heavy snow or widespread ice.