

Inclement Weather Conditions

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(Some parts adapted from MKSS warnings.)

Warning! Icy conditions can occur at anytime of the year. For ice to form all that is required is summit fog and sub-freezing temperatures.

- Icy conditions can occur quickly and without warning.
- Be prepared to mount chains on your vehicles.
- Anticipate need for a quick evacuation.
- **Do not become stranded!**
- If icy, drive vehicles in the lowest gear possible.
- If snow is expected park the dome 90 degrees to the prevailing wind direction before leaving.
- If local winds speeds exceed 40mph, close the dome. If they exceed 60 mph, evacuate.
- If wind speed on the antenna computer monitor is unavailable use the site <http://www.jach.hawaii.edu/weather/>.
- Emergency numbers are available on this website, near the control room phone, and in your vehicle's glovebox notebook.
- **Beware of falling ice!** If ice has formed on buildings do not park near them and use caution when entering dome. Shutter movement may cause ice to fall!
- Please comply with MKSS recommendations regarding observatory access and chain usage. See the white board at HP for current road conditions. (White board is located near water fountain at main entrance.)
- If MKSS issues an absolute evacuation or road closed order, all facilities must comply.