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**PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT**



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**MOST URGENT  
BY FAX/WHATSAPP**

**Dated: 09<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

To,

**The Deputy Commissioner(s)/Chairman DDMA(s)**  
All in Sindh

**Subject** **GUIDELINES FOR TOURISTS / TRAVELERS FOR WINTERS 2023-24**

It is to apprise you that the NDMA has issued the guidelines for tourists and travelers for winter 2023-24 vide letter No. F.2(E)/2022-NDMA(MW/Winter-Tourist-Guideline-2023-24) dated: 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 on the subject cited above (**copy enclosed**). Wherein, it is stated that considering the past experience, snowfall in upper parts of country (including northern Balochistan) may also attract People / Tourists from Sindh province to popular tourists' destinations such as Murree/Galiyat, Abbottabad, Mansehra Division (Kaghan/Naran/Shogran), Malakand Division (Kumrat, Chitral, Malam Jabba, Kalam), Gilgit – Baltistan, AJ&K, Northern Balochistan (Ziarat, Khanozai, Kan Mehtarzai, Muslim Bagh) and other parts of Northern Areas, therefore to avoid any untoward situation the following guidelines are shared for wide dissemination.

**Guidelines for Travelers / Tourists:**

- Regularly check weather forecast for planned destination(s) on Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) and NDMA's website for updated weather information.
- Check NDMA's web portal and social media handles (Platform X (twitter) and Instagram) for remaining updated on developing situation.
- Check / consult websites of respective PDMA / GBDMA / SDMA for area / region specific alerts / advisories.
- Before departing, check with National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP) on their website or helpline for the status / road condition of intended route.
- Carry basic travels necessities i.e. drinking water and enough snacks / food (especially dry food items) which can suffice for basic needs of all accompanying travelers for a period of at least 48 hours.
- Ensure carrying specific medicine for any ailment / sickness.
- Check requirement of anti-skid / tire chains and coordinate its availability in case of need.
- Follow guidance arrangement of NH&MP, FWO and Traffic Police for ensuring safety during travelling.
- Ensure proper checking and maintenance of vehicle from a mechanic before commencement of journey. Also carry a spare tire (checked and filled with required air pressure), radiator fluid and lubricants, as advised by the mechanic.
- Carry enough quantity of warm clothing for all passengers to keep warm during extreme weather conditions and provide an option of changing into dry clothes, if required.
- Keep passage for fresh air circulation through air conditioning mechanism or keeping a window slightly open.
- Ensure availability of accommodation and seek prior confirmation from hotel / guestroom for reservation before departing on trip, including:
  - (a) Prevailing situation in the area, such as, on ground impacts of current weather.
  - (b) Road condition and diversions, if any.



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- (c) Traffic flow pattern and busy / rush hours to avoid traffic jams.  
(d) Availability of medical and health facilities, especially if any member of the family is suffering from chronic ailment / condition which may require immediate attention.

2. In view of the above, All Deputy Commissioner(s)/ Chairman DDMA(s) are requested to disseminate the aforementioned requisite precautionary measures among their respective general public.

  
**(AJAY KUMAR SEWANI)**  
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A copy is forwarded for information & necessary action to:

1. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Information and Archives Department, Karachi (With a request for wide publicity through the electronic & print media).
2. The Commissioner(s) All Concerned.
3. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi.
4. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi.
5. The Director (Response), National Disaster Management Authority, Islamabad.
6. The PS to Minister for Local Government, Housing and Town Planning, Rehabilitation, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
7. The PS to Secretary to Government Sindh, Rehabilitation Department, Karachi.
8. The PS to Director General, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Sindh, Karachi

**MOST IMMEDIATE / BY FAX**

No. F.2 (E)/2022-NDMA(MW/Winter-Tourist-Guidelines-2023-24)

**Prime Minister's Office**  
**National Disaster Management Authority (HQ)**  
**Main Murree Road Near ITP Office, Islamabad**



Dated: 7 December 2023

Subject: **GUIDELINES FOR TOURISTS / TRAVELLERS FOR WINTERS 2023-24**

Considering the past experiences, snowfall in upper parts of country (including northern Balochistan) may attract a large number of tourists to popular tourist destinations such as Murree / Galiyat, Abbottabad, Mansehra Division (Kaghan / Naran / Shogran), Malakand Division (Kumrat, Chitral, Malam Jabba, Kalam), Gilgit - Baltistan, AJ&K, Northern Balochistan (Ziarat, Khanozai, Kan Mehtarzai, Muslim Bagh) and other parts of Northern Areas. Hence, there is a dire need to adopt pro-active measures apart from fore-warning / guidance against likely developing situation and accordingly take requisite precautionary measures. Following guidelines are shared for wide dissemination / compliance: -

a. **Travelers / Tourists**

- (1) Regularly check weather forecast for planned destination(s) on Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) and NDMA's website for updated weather information.
- (2) Check NDMA's web portal and social media handles (Platform X (twitter) and Instagram) for remaining updated on developing situation.
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- (6) Ensure carrying specific medicine for any ailment / sickness.
- (7) Check requirement of anti-skid / tire chains and coordinate its availability in case of need.
- (8) Follow guidance arrangements of NH&MP, FWO and traffic police for ensuring safety during travelling.
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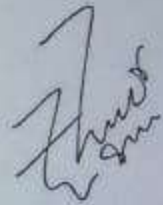
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- (11) Keep passage for fresh air circulation through air conditioning mechanism or keeping a window slightly open.
- (12) Ensure availability of accommodation and seek prior confirmation from hotel / guestroom for reservations before departing on trip, including:-
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  - (b) Road condition and diversions, if any.
  - (c) Traffic flow pattern and busy / rush hours to avoid traffic jams.
  - (d) Availability of medical and health facilities, especially if any member of the family is suffering from chronic ailment / condition which may require immediate medical attention.

b. **Local Administration / Hotel Management**

- (1) Energize existing local administration / DDMA and line department-based monitoring and reporting mechanism, especially in vulnerable areas.
- (2) Engage local communities at traditionally dangerous / hazard prone sites to enable round the clock monitoring and feedback mechanism for early warnings and alerts for at-risk population.
- (3) Prepare general and area / region specific awareness campaigns and ensure wide spread propagation of likely threats / hazards.
- (4) In coordination with NHA / FWO, local C&W and line departments to devise and pre-place appropriate machinery at vulnerable / choke points.
- (5) Local administration to assess and plan deployment of additional resources and exercise control over vehicle movement leading to and in vicinity of vulnerable / choke points to prevent losses / damages and save precious lives.
- (6) Medical resources, paramedics, equipment and medicine be deployed as per the vulnerability / risks identified in different regions to meet respective regional requirements.
- (7) Prioritize and ensure pre-placing of required resources for snow clearance / road restoration and stocking of food commodities of immediate need.
- (8) Activate the forward tourist / traveler's facilitation centers in respective regions.
- (9) Devise city-based snow clearance and traffic management plans especially in snow prone areas likely to face greater influx of tourists.

- (10) Coordinate with local hotel and transport associations for facilitating travels, tourists and locals in case of emergency.
- (11) LEAs along with traffic police to advise travelers regarding likely situations / dangers of road closure / slippery conditions and use of precautionary measures.
- (12) Travelers and tourists be forewarned about likely risks posed at vulnerable locations.
- (13) Establishment of Emergency Operations Centers at district and provincial level for continuous monitoring of situation.

2. **Press Information Department Only.** With the request for wider circulation and public awareness.



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