

# Patrol - Extreme Cold Weather Guidelines 2013-14

(From *Cold Weather Guidelines for Schools—Environment Canada*)

## **Use extreme caution in extreme cold conditions.**

Procedures for responding to extreme weather conditions, such as cold, lightning, hail and storms should be included in patrol training. The following cold weather guidelines should be communicated to patrols and to the parents/guardians of patrols. During extremely cold weather, the following guidelines for an abbreviated student patrol schedule will be followed:

### **Wind-chill:**

#### **-27 °C to -34 °C**

It is recommended that time on post not exceed 10 minutes. Warm clothing is essential. Facial protection is recommended.

#### **-35 °C to -40 °C**

It is recommended that time on post not exceed five minutes. Posts located more than a five-minute walk from the school will not be patrolled. Warm clothing and facial protection is essential.

#### **Below -40 °C**

No student patrols on post. The school will notify the students and parents of this abbreviated patrol schedule.

### **How to Dress:**

- Scarves, hat, mitts, snowsuit, boots, etc.
- Do not restrict the vision of the patrol.

### **Snow banks:**

- Restricts motorist's vision.
- Stand behind the snow bank.
- Cross the children when it is clear or when all motorists have come to a complete stop.

In winter, stand one metre back from the curb instead of one footstep. If a vehicle loses control, it gives the patrol that extra safety factor. This should place the patrol behind a light or hydro pole.

Website to check in the morning [http://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/mb-38\\_metric\\_e.html](http://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/mb-38_metric_e.html)