In preparation for the winter season, please remember to follow some simple safety tips to prevent illness and injury:

- Dress children in warm layers when they play out in the cold. Waterproof pants and jackets are great top layers because they keep the wetness from seeping into the other clothing. Be sure to include warm socks, boots, a hat, and gloves.
- Use sunscreen to protect against sunburn because snow can reflect up to 85 percent of the sun’s ultraviolet rays.
- Make sure children wear a helmet during winter activities such as sledding, ice hockey, ice skating, skiing, and snowboarding.
- Frostbite occurs when prolonged exposure to cold damages the skin. The most common signs are pale, grey, or blistered skin on the fingers, ears, nose, and toes. Go to the nearest emergency room if you notice any of these symptoms.

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