

## HAZARDS AND THREATS

### HISTORY OF EXTREME COLD WEATHER

The County of Los Angeles features one of the country's best winter sports areas, where heavy snowfall and extreme cold may take effect in the Antelope and Santa Clarita Valleys, Gorman, San Gabriel Mountains, and Wrightwood just to name a few.

Extreme Cold can cause the body's temperature to drop dramatically, that could lead to hypothermia and even death.

While they may keep you warm during the cold winters, space heaters or lamps can potentially cause a fire and should be kept at least three feet from drapes and furniture.

To find out more information on how to prepare and cope for the extreme cold, please go to page 82 in the County of Los Angeles Emergency Survival Guide or access the Extreme Cold page at <http://lacounty.gov>. Other disaster preparedness information can also be found at the Emergency Survival Program's (ESP) website at <http://www.espfocus.org>.

### History of Extreme Cold in Los Angeles County Operational Area

**December 24-30, 1988:** A week of subfreezing temperatures hits Southern California. Five people died as a result of the cold weather conditions.

**December 21-23, 1990:** An arctic air mass produced record cold and low temperatures of 29 degrees in Redondo Beach on December 22.

**June 3, 1999:** The high temperature of 38 degrees at Mount Wilson became the lowest temperature on record the month of June.

**February 14, 2001:** Wrightwood temperatures reached 0 degrees.

**December 1-3, 2004:** Wrightwood temperatures dropped to nine degrees.

**January 12-18, 2007:** Temperatures reached five degrees in Wrightwood.