

Winter

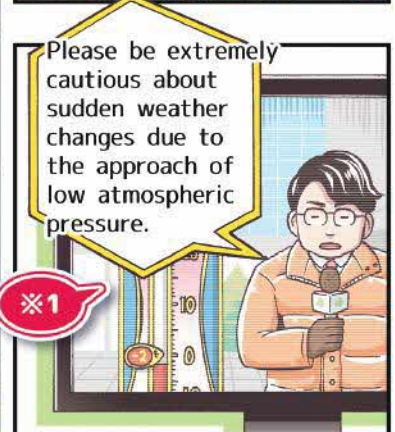
Always expect the unexpected

"You've got to be kidding." Situations

- Preparing for a Blizzard

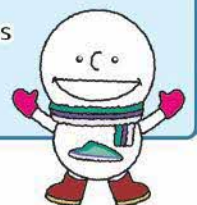
← Please read this comic from right to left.

Pay close attention to weather forecasts in winter!



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Disasters caused by blizzards often happen when fair weather changes suddenly to adverse weather conditions. You need to be extremely cautious when a meteorological observatory announces information such as "Heavy blizzard of the sort that only happens once every few years expected" or "Please refrain from going outdoors." Because clear weather may suddenly change to blizzard conditions in just few hours, outside activities may become dangerous. When a blizzard is predicted, please refrain from going outside unless it is an essential and urgent matter.



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If the weather suddenly changes
while at the wheel

← Read this way.

While making the
rounds for work

Oh, no.

I can't
see
anything
ahead!

tires on snow

※2

I should have
parked and
stayed at the
Road Station
I just pass...

Well,
looks like
I won't be
moving for
a while.

I should
call the
office and
let them
know.

Stop,
Stop!

Aaaaghh!

car sliding

WHITEOUT!

Well, I don't want to get
carbon monoxide poisoning,
so let's make sure to turn
off the engine.

I'm scared
of falling
asleep,
too.

※4

START
STOP

press

Wow it
seems like
it's never
going to
stop
snowing.

wind blowing

※3



Hey Hiroki.
I don't want
the phone's
battery to die,
so I should
probably hang
up the phone now.

Okay.
Stay strong,
Dad!

beep

Ah!!!

I'm with the
Fire & Rescue
unit!
We've come
to rescue you!

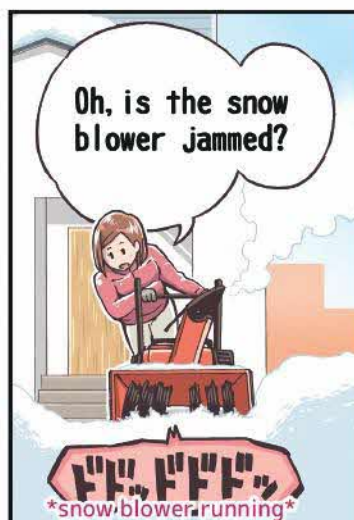
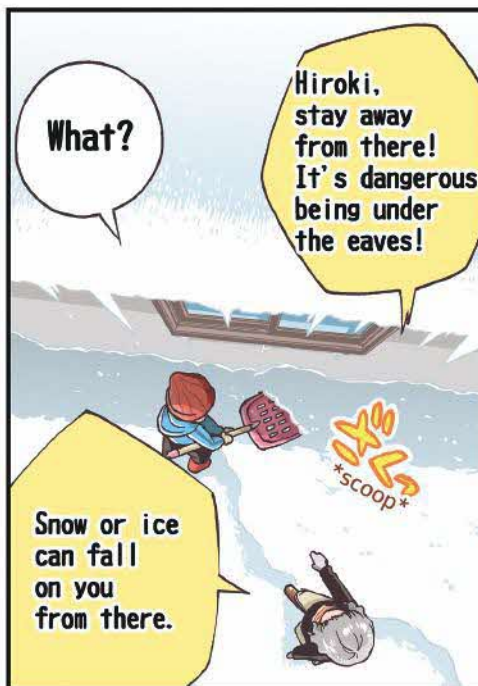
scraping

wind

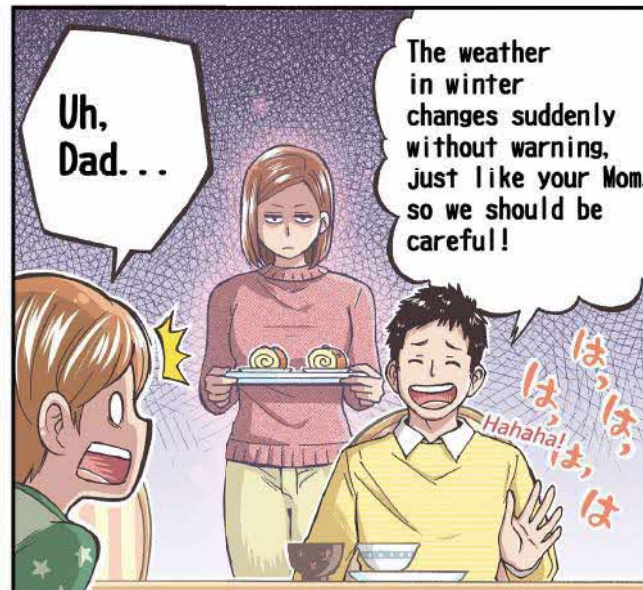
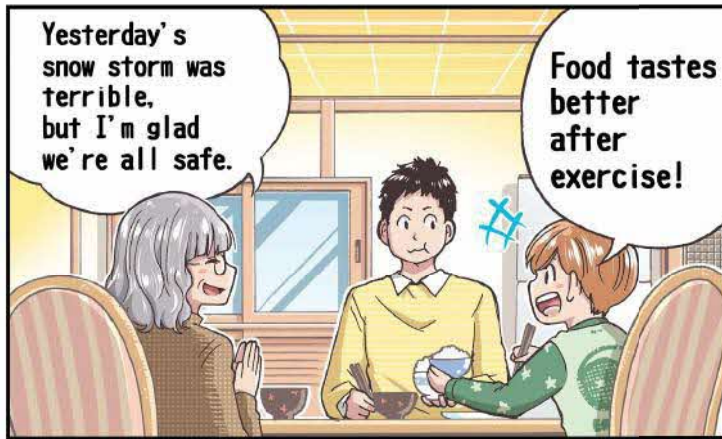
Right,
Dad.

Hahaha

- ※2 If you encounter low visibility due to snow and wind when driving, please pull over and park at a nearby Road Station or convenience store until the weather improves.
- ※3 If you have no choice but to stop the car on the road, please make sure to leave your hazard lights on, and put a hazard cone outside of your car to avoid rear-end collisions.
- ※4 It is important to prevent the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. In preparation for emergencies, please make sure to always keep the following items in your car: winter clothes, blanket, gloves, rubber boots, shovel, snow brush, and a tow rope.



- ※5 Please do not shovel snow alone and keep calling out each other to make sure of your safety, especially when shoveling snow from the roof. Make sure to wear anti-skid shoes, use a ladder with anti-skid features, and attach a safety rope to your waist. Please take extra caution when climbing up or down the ladder.
- ※6 The finer the weather is, the easier snow and ice may fall from the roof. Use extreme caution under the eaves.
- ※7 If snow gets clogged in the blower, please make sure to stop the engine first, then clear the jam out with a stick or something else.



Snow related accidents that occurred last winter in Hokkaido

(From November 2019 - March 2020)

Hokkaido Shinkansen
Bullet Train Support
Ambassador
Dokodemo Yuki- Chan
(Snow man)



Number of Injured (unit:person)	Death	4
	Serious injury	27
	Minor injury	88
	Total	119
Time of Occurrence (unit:person)	November	6
	December	15
	January	38
	February	38
	March	22

Age (unit:person)	aged 20 or less	1
	aged 21-54	20
	aged 55-64	23
	aged 65-74	36
	aged 75 or more	39
Cause of the Accident (unit:person)	Falling from roof top	21
	Falling from ladder	27
	Falling snow and ice	14
	Snow blower	10
	Other	47

<NOTE>

119 people in Hokkaido were involved in snow-related accidents last winter. Approximately 60% of them were 65 years of age or older, and many of them fell from a roof, ladder, etc. I truly hope the citizens of Hokkaido take care!