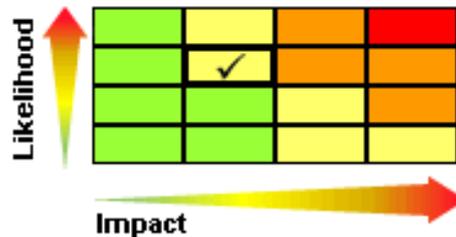
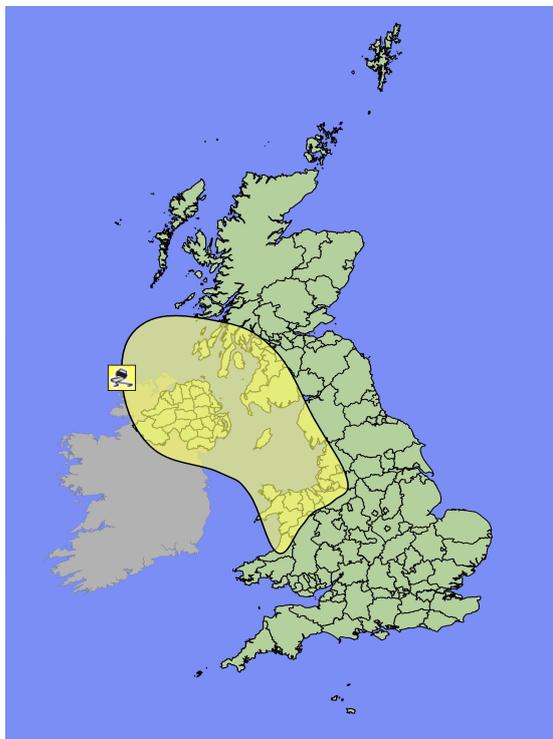


National Severe Weather Warning Service



Chief Forecasters Assessment

A cold northwesterly airflow will bring a wintry mix of showers across Northern Ireland, southwest Scotland, parts of northwest England and north and west Wales. As temperatures fall below freezing on Saturday evening widespread ice is likely to form on untreated surfaces, particularly where surfaces have been left wet following the showers. Wintry showers should largely die out on Sunday morning. There remains uncertainty in the extent of any snow accumulations with some places missing the snow.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert of Ice**

Valid from **16:00 on Sat, 18th Feb 2012** until **11:00 on Sun, 19th Feb 2012**

Sleet and snow showers will extend from the northwest on Saturday and last through Saturday night into Sunday morning. These are likely to lead to widespread ice developing on untreated surfaces. In addition some 2-5cm of snow is likely to accumulate locally away from immediate north and west facing coastal fringes. Over Northern Ireland there is a risk that 5-10cm of snow could accumulate in places on ground above about 200m. The public should be aware that this could lead to some disruption to travel.

For more details please go to:

http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_warnings.html

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