

Putting **????** over shoes reduces the risk of slipping on ice



Wearing socks over shoes appears to be an effective and inexpensive method to reduce the likelihood of slipping on icy footpaths.

That was the conclusion of a study reported in the New Zealand Medical Journal which tested the widely-known tip.



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> Imagine someone agrees that this probably works. But they say "It looks stupid and I care what people think about me – so I'm not doing it." How would you respond?

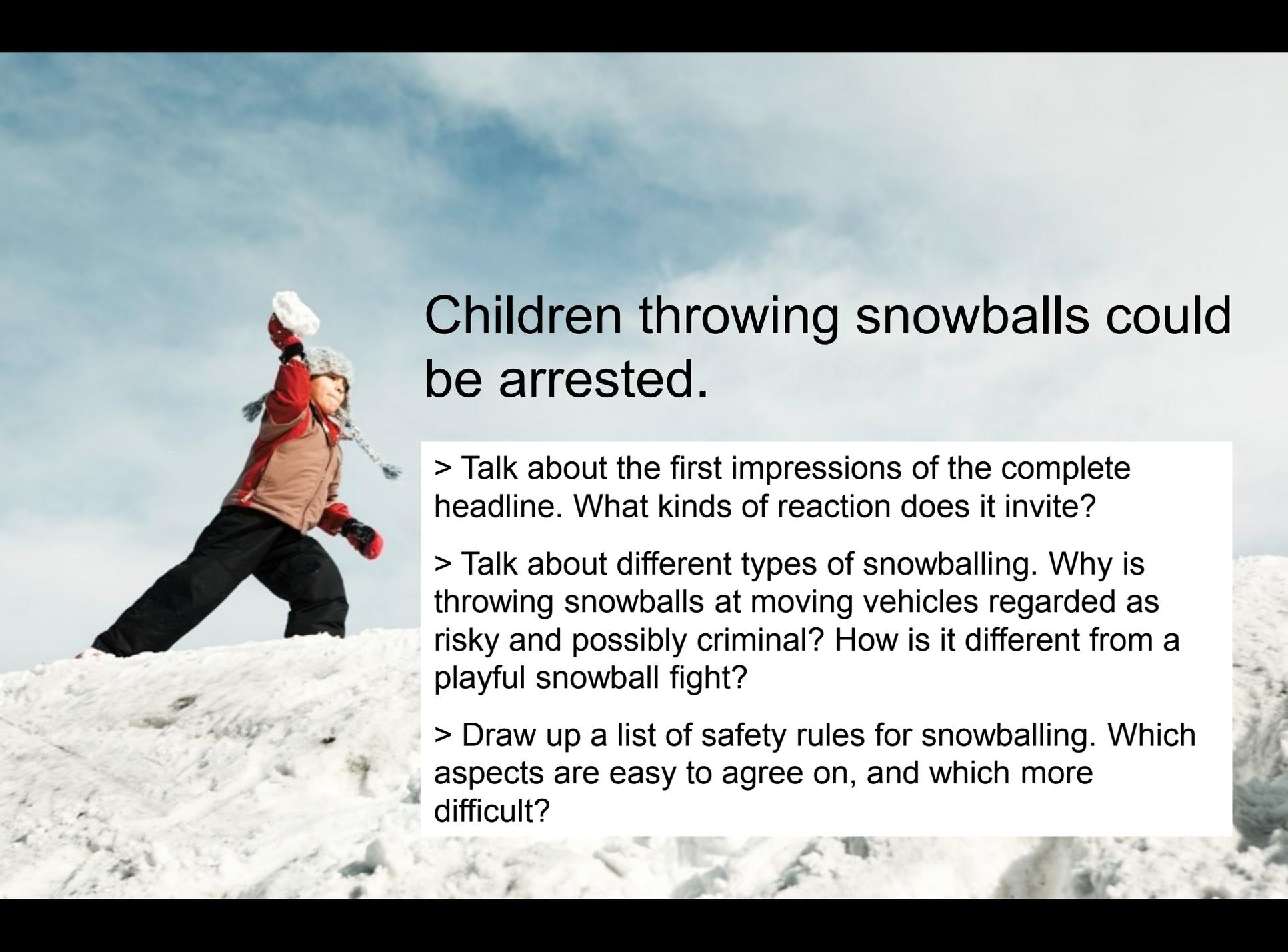
> Interview each other for top tips on keeping upright on icy paths. Make a list of the popular ones, and decide on the most practical.



Children throwing snowballs could be [REDACTED] .

A Daily Telegraph report said police will crack down on youngsters caught "acting irresponsibly".

Those found throwing snowballs in such a way have been warned they face arrest, a fine, or both.



Children throwing snowballs could be arrested.

- > Talk about the first impressions of the complete headline. What kinds of reaction does it invite?
- > Talk about different types of snowballing. Why is throwing snowballs at moving vehicles regarded as risky and possibly criminal? How is it different from a playful snowball fight?
- > Draw up a list of safety rules for snowballing. Which aspects are easy to agree on, and which more difficult?

Elderly more likely to **????** in cold weather



> Did you realise that cold temperatures lead to raised blood pressure which increases the risk of strokes and heart attacks? Talk about how communities and individuals might check on the health of elderly neighbours. What else might they do?

> What can be done to keep warm? Use government advice websites to draw up some useful guidance on how to keep warm. Identify some of the barriers to staying warm and talk about how they can be removed.



Big rise in **????** cars on frosty mornings

> Talk about the modern method of car theft that relies on drivers starting engines in icy mornings then going indoors to keep warm while the windscreen clears. Thieves wait for the opportunity, sneak in and drive off using the owner's keys. Discuss how victims might feel. One driver in Wigan had her car stolen with two young children in it. Discuss how the thief might have felt. (The children jumped out shortly after it was stolen, suffering bumps and bruises.)

> Drivers are unlikely to receive insurance payouts because leaving a car unattended with the keys in the ignition is usually excluded from insurance policies. Many drivers do not realise that. Did you? Talk to drivers, tell them about the insurance rules, and ask about other times when they leave their vehicle with the keys in.

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