

Safety First!

Here are some things to consider before starting to build igloos. Igloo building can be enjoyed by people of all ages and igloos are very, very safe when built properly. However, safety is a fundamental consideration in both design and construction.

As you work you will be packing the snow down tightly and it can ice up. When building an igloo you have to be careful not to slip and fall on that ice.

It is essential that you provide an air vent (or two) and never close it off. Never completely seal the entrance passage, either. If there is no air vent (or it is blocked) and the entrance is sealed then the igloo will be almost air-tight and you will have no source of oxygen inside. Don't worry about losing too much heat, igloos are much warmer inside than most people think.

As you build your igloo keep in mind that snow is heavy and could trap you and even suffocate you if you can't dig yourself out.

It is vital that the dome of an igloo be circular or it could collapse and a collapsed dome can have grave consequences.

It is easier, faster and more fun to build an igloo with two people, one on the inside and one on the outside (although it can also be easily built by a single person, if required). It is also safer with two people.

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