

WINTER SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS

Safety Inspection Before the Snow Falls:

- **Brakes:** Check brake pad, fluid and have brakes adjusted if necessary.
- **Tires:** Check tread wear and inflation. Check your spare.
- **Lights:** Make sure headlights, tail-lights and signal lights are all working.
- **Wipers:** Check blade condition. Check washer fluid reservoir.
- **Battery:** Make sure battery is in excellent condition.
- **Oil:** Switch to a lighter grade oil and make sure the oil reservoir is full.
- **Radiator Fluid and Hoses:** Make sure coolant is filled and hoses are firm.



Driving Tips:

- Don't be in a hurry. BUCKLE UP!
- Don't tailgate! It takes three to nine times longer to stop on rain, snow and ice.
- Caution on bridges or overpasses. Elevated surfaces freeze faster and may be more slippery when the roads are wet and icy.
- Remember, "wipers on, lights on." Whenever your wipers are on you need lights to be seen.
- Careful trip planning. Avoid streets that are hazardous in bad weather, such as those with hills, dangerous curves and heavy traffic.
- Brake slowly. Avoid making sudden moves with brakes, steering or speed.
- Look ahead. Reduce your speed gradually before you reach stop signs, traffic lights or curves in the road.
- Listen to traveler's advisories and weather reports during your travel. Be prepared to stay off the roads if advised to do so.
- Keep an emergency survival kit in your vehicle. Your kit should contain at a minimum:
 - Warm blankets
 - Small shovel and sand
 - Safety flares
 - Flashlight and extra batteries
 - Jumper cables
 - A red flag or cloth to signal for help
 - Dry clothing
 - Water
 - Non-perishable food
 - First Aid supplies
 - Chains

If You Get Stuck:

- Stay with your car unless there is a house in sight.
- Make sure your exhaust pipes are free of snow.
- Put on layers of clothing and wrap in a blanket.
- Keep blood circulating by clapping your hands and stomping your feet.
- Run the car engine 15 minutes with at least 15 minutes in between. Crack a window for ventilation.
- Watch for other vehicles on the road and be ready to signal for help.