

Winter Driving Tips

- ▲ Drive slow (at or below the posted speed limit) and adjust your speed for the changing road conditions.
- ▲ Turn on your headlights, using low beams when traveling in snow.
- ▲ Increase your following distance. In winter weather, travel at least eight to 10 seconds behind the car in front of you.
- ▲ Give snowplows plenty of room to work. Don't tailgate and try not to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution in doing so. Remember, a snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they don't always see you.
- ▲ If you skid, don't brake or accelerate. Remove your foot from the gas, and gently steer your car in the direction of the skid (the direction the rear of your vehicle is sliding.) When your car starts heading in the desired direction, carefully straighten the wheel.
- ▲ Slow down before exiting the highway. Exit ramps often have icy patches, sharp curves and stalled or stopped vehicles.
- ▲ Have a personal safety kit easily accessible in your vehicle that includes: an ice scraper/brush; shovel; jumper cables or battery starter; blanket; sand, salt or kitty litter for traction; lock de-icer; flashlight and new batteries; extra windshield wiper fluid; safety flares/warning device; cell phone with a spare battery; water and non-perishable food (i.e., granola or protein bars); and paper towels or a cloth.
- ▲ If your vehicle does become disabled, pull off the road as far as possible and turn on your emergency flashers. Remain with your vehicle until help arrives. If you can't get your vehicle off the road and are uncertain about your safety, do not stay in your vehicle or stand behind it. Proceed carefully to a safe location away from traffic.

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