



Winter Driving Safety Tips

- Be aware of black ice. It is invisible and deadly. If spray from other vehicles suddenly decreases, this is a sign that black ice may be forming.
- Carry extra warm clothing and blankets for use in an emergency.
- Keep all windows and mirrors clean and clear.
- Slow down for bridges and overpasses, where freezing occurs more quickly.
- Don't leave the home or office in unsafe weather conditions, especially in a snow or ice storm.
- If weather conditions are so bad that safety is compromised, drivers should stop until it is safe to proceed.

If you are stranded on the highway in a winter storm, don't attempt to leave the vehicle. Your chances of surviving are much greater if you stay with the vehicle.

- Winter drivers should make sure that the vehicle exhaust system is in good operating condition.
- Tires should be rotated regularly to maximize tread life.
- Don't mix all-season radial tires having different speed ratings, or mix all-seasons with snow tires. The handling characteristics can be quite different, similar to a person trying to run with one high-tech running shoe and one bedroom slipper.
- If you live in a Snow Belt or must drive regularly through one invest in quality snow tires.

Safety Tip: Use all your winter driving wisdom and your two basic rules: reduce speed and increase following distance. If you comply with these two rules and use common-sense winter driving precautions you will reduce your chances of being in a collision