
WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Driving in winter is probably the most difficult and hazardous situation for both new and experienced drivers. You should practice driving in winter conditions, because motor vehicles handle much differently on ice and snow than they do on warm, dry pavement.

- ❄ Reduce your speed according to road conditions. Drive cautiously and accelerate gently.
- ❄ Never lock your brakes on icy roads. You will lose steering control. If you do skid, remember to turn into the direction of the skid.
- ❄ Increase the space between your vehicle and others. You need more distance to stop safely on slippery surfaces.
- ❄ Because the earth does not insulate them, bridges and highway overpasses tend to freeze before the rest of the road and can be very slippery.
- ❄ If it is snowing, start slowly. Test your brakes by tapping them gently to see how much traction your tires have.
- ❄ Make sure your windshield wipers and defroster are in good condition.
- ❄ Before driving, remove ice and snow from your vehicle. Clear all windows, windshield wipers, headlights, and brake lights. Clear ice and snow from your vehicle's roof so they do not blow off while you're driving and create hazards for drivers behind you.
- ❄ Keep your fuel tank at least half full to prevent the fuel line from freezing.
- ❄ Make sure you fill your windshield washer reservoir with a cleaning solution that will not freeze.
- ❄ Keep a blanket, flashlight, and a small shovel in your trunk.