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Winter Driving Safety Tips



Remove Snow and Ice from vehicles before driving.

Make sure windshield wipers are in working order.

Ensure windows are defrosted.

Travel at a safe speed (Posted speed limit may not be appropriate for snow and ice conditions)

Leave a good distance between you and the car in front of you. Refrain from tailgating.

Leave space for snowplows.

Watch for pedestrians in the roadway.



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IF YOU GET STUCK...



Do not spin your wheels. This will only dig you in deeper.





Turn your wheels from side to side a few times to push snow out of the way.



Use a light touch on the gas, to ease your car out.



Pour sand, kitty litter, gravel or salt in the path of the wheels, to help get traction.



Try rocking the vehicle. (Check your owner's manual first — it can damage the transmission on some vehicles.) Shift from forward to reverse, and back again. Each time you're in gear, give a light touch on the gas until the vehicle gets going.

HOW TO DRIVE SAFELY ON ICY ROADS

- Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
- 2 Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.
 - Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.
- 4 Keep your lights and windshield clean.
 - Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.
 - 6 Don't use cruise control or overdrive on icy roads.
- 7 Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.
- 9 Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads.



Don't pass snow

have limited

visibility, and you're likely to find

plows and sanding trucks. The drivers

the road in front of

them worse than

the road behind.

IF YOUR REAR WHEELS SKID...





Take your foot off the accelerator.

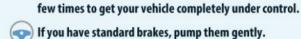
Steer in the direction you want



steering wheel toward that side. You might have to steer left and right a

the front wheels to go. If your rear wheels are sliding left, steer left. If they're sliding right, steer right.

If your rear wheels start sliding the other way as you recover, ease the



If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS), do not pump the brakes. Apply steady pressure to the brakes. You will feel the brakes pulse — this is normal.

IF YOUR FRONT WHEELS SKID...



Take your foot off the gas and shift to neutral, but don't try to steer immediately.

As the wheels skid sideways, they will slow the vehicle and traction will return. As it does, steer in the direction you want to go. Then put the transmission in "drive" or release the clutch, and accelerate gently.

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