

Winter Driving Basics



Is the trip necessary?

When storms occur, rethink your travel plans; allow more time if you must go.



Know when to call it quits

Find a safe place to park if weather conditions worsen.



Visibility is critical

Remove snow and ice from vehicle surfaces, windshield, windows and lights. Re-check at each stop.



Caution

Bridge surfaces freeze sooner than road surfaces

Be prepared for emergencies



Following too close can lead to hard braking and loss of control on ice and snow.

Maintain proper following distance



First storms of the season

Be overly cautious during the first storms of the season as many drivers forget how to drive in snow and ice.

Drive Cautiously!

Reduce Your Speed: Essential to maintaining control of your vehicle.

Decelerate and Accelerate Slowly

Increase Your Following Distance:

Stopping on ice or snow takes considerably more distance.

Position Yourself away from others in adjacent lanes to prevent a collision if you or the other driver loses control.

Focus: No distractions.



Intersections

- Anticipate lights changing
- Start slowing early and gradually
- Ensure cross traffic has come to a complete stop before proceeding through an intersection