WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Here are 18 best practices for winter driving to help you feel confident and keep you safe out on the road:

- **Stay home if you can.**
- **Get your vehicle serviced.**
- **Check your battery.**
- **Clear snow and ice before you go.**
- **Go slow and leave space.**

> **MORE THAN 1,800 PEOPLE ARE KILLED AND OVER 150,000 ARE INJURED EACH YEAR ON SNOWY, ICY, OR SLUSHY ROADS.**
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> **FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**

- **Check your wipers.**
- **Check your lights.**
- **Check your coolant.**
- **Fill-up washer fluid.**
- **Check your tires.**
- **Turn off the cruise control.**
- **Accelerate slowly.**
- **Know how to correct a slide.**
- **Have an emergency kit.**
- **Stay clear of the snowplows.**
- **Know what to do in an emergency.**
- **Use caution on bridges and over/underpasses.**
- **Check the weather before you go.**

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SITUATIONAL AWARENESS DRIVING:

With the road conditions that can change as fast as the weather, we need more insight than just "slow down." Although speed is one of the highest contributors to winter weather vehicle accidents, we need to drive with more situational awareness. We can be driving in complete control but then a vehicle next to us starts to slide out-of-control. What do you do???



Using situational awareness just might save you from getting into an accident. Follow these tips:

- Keep your eyes moving. Scan back and forth & check your mirrors.
- Identify areas of risk that you are approaching and focus on them.
- Watch for subtle changes in other cars' motion which can identify a drivers' intent.
- Be mindful of your own driving. Drifting into autopilot will distract you from full attention on what's going on around you.

