

Safe Winter Driving



Winter driving can be hazardous and scary. Additional preparations can help make a trip safer, or help motorists deal with an emergency when it occurs.

This helpful list provides safety to help prevent motor vehicle injuries due to winter storms.

Maintain Your Car:

- ✓ Swap to your winter tires
- ✓ check to make sure your battery has lots of life
- ✓ Top up all fluids and complete an oil change
- ✓ Make sure your wiper blades are in good condition

Have on Hand:

- ✓ Booster cables
- ✓ Small shovel
- ✓ Windshield brush and scraper
- ✓ Emergency food, like energy bars and non-perishable canned food.
- ✓ Bottled water
- ✓ A warm blanket or sleeping bag
- ✓ Extra hat, mittens and socks
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Tow rope or chain
- ✓ Gravel/kitty litter or road salt for traction
- ✓ Emergency flare and reflectors/ small road cones
- ✓ Whistle
- ✓ Cell phone charger

Allow plenty of time (check the weather and leave early if necessary), be familiar with the maps/ directions, and let others know your route and arrival time.

PREPARE for the trip; **PROTECT** yourself; and **PREVENT** crashes on the road.