

Winter Driving SAFETY TIPS

Be prepared for the challenging and often hazardous road conditions that can accompany winter weather by always following the three P's: **PREPARE**, **PROTECT**, and **PREVENT**.

PREPARE



Maintain Your Car: Check battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.



Have On Hand: Flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares), and blankets. For long trips, add food, water, and medication.



Stopped or Stalled? Stay in your car, don't overexert, put bright markers on your antenna or windows, shine dome light, and, if you run your car, clear the exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.



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

PROTECT

Buckle up and use child safety seats properly.

Never place a rear-facing infant seat in front of an air bag.

Children 12 and under are much safer in the back seat.

PREVENT

Slow down and increase distances between cars.

Keep your eyes open for pedestrians walking in and along the roadway.

Avoid fatigue by getting plenty of rest before the trip.

ALWAYS DRIVE SOBER

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