



Winter Driving Tips & Reminders

Emergency Contact Number:

Before Driving

- Clean the road film from headlights and directional signals
- Clean and remove grime from windshield wipers. Let us know if they should be replaced after your trip
- Evaluate tires for appropriate type (e.g., rain and/or snow) and condition by using a tread depth gauge, or administering the “penny test”
- Check tire pressure and inflate to maintain **recommended levels** if needed
- Check that tires are equipped with traction devices (e.g., chains, studded tires, etc.)
- Check windshield washer fluid is full
- Test the defroster to be sure it’s working
- Check that the vehicle is equipped with necessary supplies (e.g., ice scraper, emergency blanket, bag or sand/salt to help with traction, etc.)

While Driving

- Increase stopping distances anywhere from 3-12 times the normal distance based on severity of the weather
- Watch for icy bridges, overpasses and standing water
- Scan the road for unexpected hazards (e.g., stopped vehicle, erratic drivers, etc.)
- Wear sunglasses and adjust sun visor properly to reduce glare
- Avoid using cruise control

Breaking Down

If you do break down or experience issues with the vehicle, pull over in a safe place away from other moving vehicles, if possible. You can run the heat in the car while waiting for help for 10 minutes every hour. Check to be sure the exhaust pipe is clear of snow. Blockage of the exhaust pipe can lead to a carbon monoxide buildup. Open the winder slightly to prevent any buildup.