



Winter Weather Driving Tips



Avoid Risky Driving Behaviors



- Do not text or engage in any activities that may distract you while driving.
- Obey all posted speed limits. Drive more slowly if necessary for weather conditions. When roadways are wet with heavy rain use caution.
- Drive sober. Alcohol and drugs impair perception, judgment, motor skills, and memory – the skills critical for safe and responsible driving.

Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones



- Always wear your seat belt every trip, every time—and ensure that everyone else in your vehicle is buckled-up in age- and size-appropriate car seats, booster seats, or seat belts.
- Obey the speed limit. Speed is commonly a contributing factor in crashes.
- Keep a safe distance. Avoid braking hard when roads are slippery.
- Check your tires and be aware of hydroplaning (tires lose contact with the roadway due to water between the tires and the roadway.)
- Keep your windshield clean and your wipers in good condition for better visibility.

Stay Alert



- Keep your gas tank close to full, even with a hybrid-electric vehicle. If you get stuck in traffic or in inclement weather including snow or downed trees or power lines, you might need more fuel than you anticipated to get home or to keep warm.
- If road conditions are hazardous (heavy rain, icy and/or darkness), avoid driving if possible. Wait until road and weather conditions improve before venturing out in your vehicle.
- On longer trips, plan enough time to stop to stretch, get something to eat, return calls or text messages, and change drivers or rest if you feel drowsy.