



# WINTER WEATHER DRIVING TIPS



Whether you are well-versed about how to drive in snow, ice, and slush or traveling to a wintry destination for holiday or work, these are good tips to remember about safe driving in dangerous conditions.



## BUCKLE UP

Basic car safety encourages the use of seat belts and car seats at all times. They're one of your best defenses in a crash. And they're required by law in most states.



## SLOW DOWN

Use extra caution in areas that ice up quickly, especially intersections, shaded areas, bridges and overpasses. Accelerate and decelerate slowly.



## MONITOR THE WEATHER FORECAST

Get in the habit of regularly checking weather reports on TV or online so you can prepare for bad weather. On severe weather days, schools and workplaces might close or delay opening. Know your route and be prepared with a backup plan. Consider staying at home if you don't need to be on the road.



## GAS UP

Make sure your car always has a full tank of gas. This helps prevent your car's gas line from freezing and gives you more time if you must take an alternate route or you get stuck in your car.



## CHECK TIRE PRESSURE

Regularly ensure your tires are properly inflated and ready for the road. Consider snow tires for improved traction if the area where you live regularly gets hit with snow and ice.



## TUNE UP

Have your mechanic give your car a bumper-to-bumper once-over to ensure it's ready for winter driving.



## CHARGE UP

Be sure your cell phone is fully charged and you have a phone charger in your car. Consider having a backup phone to contact a towing service or emergency personnel.



## PACK AN EMERGENCY KIT

It's wise to have an emergency kit in your car in case it gets stuck or breaks down. If you get stranded, stay in your vehicle for safety.

Contact us for more tips and information about how to stay safe during extreme weather events and natural disasters.

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