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Are You Prepared for Winter Driving?

When it comes to winter driving, some folks like to believe they have things under control, but there are no secrets to winter driving. If you are driving on ice and snow it's dangerous. Listed below are some helpful winter safe driving tips:

- ❖ Before starting your day, check the weather and traffic reports, and plan accordingly.
- ❖ Conduct a thorough vehicle pre-trip inspection, check the tires for good tread, check and clean the lights, check the wiper blades and replace them if necessary, and always carry an ample supply of windshield washer fluid.
- ❖ If you notice ice on your mirrors, windshield, or truck steps, ice has also accumulated on the road surface.
- ❖ Periodically check outside temperatures, water freezes at 32 degrees, and roads become slippery.
- ❖ Maintain a proper space cushion between your truck and the vehicle ahead. For normal driving conditions your space cushion should be 3 seconds, and for winter driving conditions you should add an additional 2 seconds.
- ❖ Leave room for snow plows working on the road, and if you are traveling behind a snow plow, stay behind the plow until it is safe to pass.
- ❖ Watch for ice on the roadway, and adjust your speed when traveling on bridges, ramps, and overpasses they normally become slippery first.
- ❖ Carry some emergency supplies, e.g., flashlight with extra batteries, cell phone, blankets, water, and food.
- ❖ Always allow yourself extra time when traveling on snow covered roads, and adjust your speed to the weather, road, and traffic conditions.

Always know your driving limitations, if the road conditions are extremely dangerous, or if the road is impassable then pull over and park in a safe haven until the weather clears.

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