



Winter Driving is Dangerous Business

Winter driving is tricky and dangerous business and it's a challenge even for skilled and experienced drivers. Better roads, better trucks and better tires will not take the place of better driving practices. To keep your winter driving experience from becoming an accident statistic, listed below are a few driving tips:

- **Vision:** Take the time to clear all windows of ice and snow.
- **Lights:** Keep all lights free of dirt by wiping them periodically; this includes your turn signals and taillights. Dirty headlights can cut visibility by 50% or more.
- **Tires:** Check your tires for adequate tread and proper inflation. When outside temperatures drop 10 degrees, the tire air pressure drops one pound per square inch.
- **Windshield Wipers:** Keep your windshield washer container filled and replace wiper blades when needed.
- **Ice and Freezing Rain:** At 30 degrees ice is twice as slippery as it is at Zero degrees. It forms first and last longer on bridges, ramps, and loading docks. So exercise care.
- **Black Ice:** Results after the snow melts and re-freezes, and it is difficult to recognize. Always be alert to the possibility of black ice when temperatures are near freezing.

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