

# GEARED UP FOR SAFETY

Safety Training for Scrap Transporters

## Winter Driving Tips

- 1. Be Prepared:** Plan your trips in advance, leave early, and dress appropriately.
- 2. Perform a Thorough Pre-Trip Inspection:** Inspect your vehicle before every trip. Check all important items, including tires, wiper blades, fluids and lights.
- 3. Slow Down:** Many accidents occur because drivers are going too fast for road conditions. A slower speed gives you more time to react if something occurs.
- 4. Give Yourself Extra Space:** Allow for more room between yourself and other vehicles.
- 5. Brake and Accelerate Lightly:** When you need to slow down quickly in slippery conditions, try lightly pumping your brakes. This reduces your chance of locking your tires and spinning out of control. If your vehicle has an anti-locking braking system (ABS), you should press and hold the brake down as far as possible in an emergency. The ABS prevents the wheels from locking, enabling you to steer around obstacles.
- 6. Watch for Black Ice:** Black Ice is difficult to spot, so when the temperature gets close to freezing, check for clues:
  - a. Ice build-up on mirrors, truck steps, windows, etc.
  - b. Decrease in spray from other vehicles traveling ahead.
- 7. If Conditions Look Bad, Get Off the Road:** Don't push your luck. Use your best judgment. Listen to weather reports and react accordingly.

