

SAFETY

TIP OF THE MONTH

Driving in Winter Weather

- Allow extra time to reach your destination, rather than rush and take careless chances.
- Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.
- Good visibility is critical for safe driving - Maintain good windshield wiper blades and keep them clean. Make sure to keep your reservoir full of wiper fluid.
- Take extra caution on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.
- Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
- Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake. If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS), do not pump the brakes. Apply steady pressure to the brakes. You will feel the brakes pulse — this is normal. If you have standard brakes, pump them gently.
- If your car is sliding to the right, turn the wheel to the right until you have control, then gently steer back onto the road. Often there's time to pull off this maneuver; sometimes there isn't.
- Drive at a speed that gives you control in bad weather.
- Keep your lights and windshield free of snow and ice.
- Remember Pennsylvania state law requires drivers to clear their entire car of any snow or ice in order to prevent a hazard while driving.



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