

WINTER DRIVING SAFETY

Winter driving can be hazardous, especially in the northern regions where we get a lot of snow and ice. Driving in the winter requires our full attention and practicing safe driving during the colder months can prevent injury to both yourself and others.

PREPARE, PROTECT, PREVENT

- **Complete a Pre-Trip Inspection:** Do a visual check and hands-on inspection of critical items such as tires, wiper blades, fluids, and lights. *[Correct tire pressure improves traction]*
- **Keep a safe following distance:** Leave plenty of room between your truck and the vehicle in front of your truck, and beside your truck, when possible (approx. 1/4mile).
- **Slow down:** The speed limit is often too fast for snow covered or icy road conditions.
- **Use good judgment:** If the weather is so severe that you need to get off the road, do it. Find a place to safely wait until conditions improve.
- **Brake and accelerate lightly.**
- **Keep all lights on and clean so you can BE SEEN.**
- **Use extra caution when approaching bridges:** Bridges and overpasses usually freeze first, and black ice tends to form on them.
- **Keep fuel tank full:** Extra weight over the drive tires improves traction.



VISION TIPS

- **Look far enough ahead** of your vehicle, so you have time to react to any situation.
- Look all around your vehicle to ensure that you're aware of your surroundings.
- **Keep your eyes moving;** scan the entire area and road.
- Have an escape plan for you and your vehicle. Leave yourself an out if possible.
- Make other drivers aware of your presence.

BE PREPARED

Extra items to pack during winter season: Flashlight, warm clothing, food, windshield scraper, blanket, bag of sand, shovel, jumper cables etc.