

Safety Director's Notebook

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WINTER DRIVING

Proper Steps to Take in Preparing for Winter Driving Conditions

1. **Make sure your truck is prepared for winter driving.** Tires are the most important aspect of keeping your vehicle under control in snow and ice conditions.
2. **Lights on.** Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.
3. **No cruise control.** Don't use cruise control on snowy or icy roads.
4. **Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses, and infrequently traveled roads.**
5. **Don't "pump" the brakes** if your truck is equipped with ABS brakes.
6. **Drive slowly.** Driving too quickly is the main cause of winter accidents.
7. **Pay attention.** Maneuvers are more difficult to make in the snow.
8. **Don't tailgate.** Stopping takes much longer on snowy and icy roads than on dry pavement.
9. **Brake before making turns.** It is difficult to steer vehicles while applying the brakes in snowy conditions.
10. **Drive smoothly.** Make sure not to make any abrupt turns or stops when driving.
11. **Be familiar with your vehicle.**
 - If equipped with air brakes, you should purge tanks daily.
 - Make sure all fluids are up, including window wash.
 - Make sure wiper blades are working and all glass/mirrors are cleaned.
 - Make sure any steps and grab handles are clean.
 - Make sure you have chains if required.
 - Plug in block heaters when unit is not in use.
12. **Learn how to control skids.**
13. **Dress appropriately.** Dress warm and carry extra clothing to avoid hypothermia in the event the unit may break/shut down.



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