

Safety Director's Notebook

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SNOWPLOW SAFETY

We are soon approaching the time of the year that Snowplows are out in full force. Snowplow operators are assigned the responsibility of keeping our roads clear of ice and snow. They have a very important job and need to concentrate all of their skills on operating the plow and clearing the road. At times the visibility is not the greatest for them. It's important for all of us to understand that they do not have time to watch out for us as well. When approaching a Snowplow remember the following safety tips:

- Maintain a 200 foot distance behind the Snowplow.
- Do not pass unless safe to do so.
- Turn on your headlights.
- Slow down, allow at least an eight-second interval between you and the Snowplow.
- Never drive into a snow cloud.
- Snowplows make wide turns and slow down to move around objects and other vehicles, so be careful and make sure the operator knows that you are going to pass.
- Test the road surface frequently throughout your trip by tapping the brakes.
- If it is not safe to pass or see around the Snowplow – DO NOT PASS.



Let It
SNOW



“PASS ONLY WHEN IT’S SAFE”