

Safe winter driving tips

- Clear all snow and ice from your windows to avoid any obstructed views. The hood and roof of your vehicle should also be cleared to prevent wind-blown snow from obstructing other drivers' views.
- Leave plenty of room between you and the vehicle in front of you for stopping. Remember, the posted speed limits are set for dry pavements. So, if the driver ahead of you is going less than the posted speed limit, it's for a good reason.
- Brake carefully. In snowy or icy conditions it will take longer for you to come to a stop so start braking sooner. Do not slam on the brakes.
- Be wary of bridge decks and exit ramps. Due to the different air exposure, bridge decks can often be more slippery than the regular roadway. Similarly, exit ramps typically do not get as much sand or salt as the main road and will probably be a bit more slippery. Proceed with caution.
- Be even more wary of trucks. Trucks and semis are heavier than the standard auto and take longer to stop. It's best to let the truck pull out ahead of you rather than cut them off.
- Leave plenty of room for maintenance vehicles and look further ahead while driving than you usually do to help anticipate potential problems.