

Winter Driving Safety

If you need to use your car in winter weather, preparation is critical to ensure your safety as driving during these conditions can be hazardous. Before hitting the road, be sure to [winterize your vehicle](#) and update the [emergency supply kit](#) with the following items:

- Shovel;
- Ice scraper and small broom;
- Blanket; and
- Emergency flares.

Once your car is ready, follow [The Three P's of Safe Winter Driving](#) provided by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety & Health Administration for safe driving in winter storms: PREPARE for the trip; PROTECT yourself; and PREVENT crashes on the road. Here are some [tips to remember](#):

- Familiarize yourself with directions before you go and let others know your route and anticipated arrival time;
- Maintain a full tank of gas to prevent fuel lines from freezing;
- Slow down for winter driving conditions, regardless of the type of vehicle you drive;
- Leave plenty of room between your vehicle and others as it takes more time and distance to stop your vehicle on wet roads; and
- Do not use cruise control.