

Preparing for a Drive

- Check road and weather conditions
 -  **HIGHWAY
HOTLINE**
 - Social Media Groups
 - Call ahead
- Dress for the forecast, bring extra clothing
- Charge your phone
- Know your route
- Inform someone of your plans
- Pack your Vehicle Emergency Kit



Vehicle Emergency Kit

- Spare seasonal clothing, footwear, and eyewear
- Non-perishable food and water
- Shovel
- Emergency lighting (flares, e-flares, disc lights, etc.)
- Flashlight/headlamp
- Jumper cables and/or battery jumper pack
- Tire inflator, tire plugs, fix-a-flat
- Basic hand tools (screw drivers and socket set)
- Zip ties and rope, recovery chain/strap
- Multitool knife
- Gas siphon
- Paper maps
- Phone charger and backup battery
- Work gloves
- First aid kit
- Pencil (pens freeze) and paper
- Ice scraper and snow brush
- Blanket

Hazard Lights or 4-Way Lights

- Do not use Hazards lights while driving
 - Makes turns signals non-functional
- Use when stopped on the road or shoulder
- Use them to alert drivers that you are a hazard
- Examples:
 - While changing a flat tire
 - When inspecting a vehicle roadside
 - If your vehicle breaks down on the roadway



Collision Reporting and Process

- Call 911 if:
 - Serious injury or death
 - You believe someone involved was intoxicated or was committing a crime



Collision Reporting and Process

- Call Police non-emergency if:
 - One or more of the vehicles is no longer roadworthy and has to be towed
 - One or more vehicles did not have a valid license plate
 - The collision involved an out-of-province vehicle
 - Loss or damage was caused by theft AND
 - You can identify someone who caused damage or vandalized the vehicle
- Hit and Run if you know:
 - When and where
 - Physical evidence or witness that can verify it was caused by another vehicle

Collision Reporting and Process

- No need to report if:
 - Door ding etc. in a parking lot
 - Vandalism or intentional malicious damage and you can't identify who caused it



Inclement Weather

- Tips for any Inclement Weather:
 - Plan ahead, consider delaying or cancelling your trip
 - Dress for the weather, inspect your vehicle, avoid distractions
 - Pack extra food, water, and emergency equipment
 - Reduce speed
 - Accelerate and brake gently
 - Leave extra space between vehicles



Inclement Summer Weather

- Fog/Smoke
 - Keep lights on for visibility to other drivers
 - Use fog lights to reduce glare



Inclement Summer Weather

- Heavy Rain
 - Watch out for hydroplaning, if you are, steer where you want to go and ease off on gas (don't brake)
 - Avoid puddles, potholes, and edges of the road where water will gather
 - If you cannot see the bottom of water, don't drive through it
- Mud
 - Drive on the highest part of the road
 - Ruts can get you stuck
 - Keep momentum, do not stop
 - Avoid heavy braking or acceleration
 - Steer lightly where you want to go
 - Dried on mud will throw off the balance of your wheels
 - You may experience shaking at higher speeds



Inclement Winter Weather

- Freezing Rain
 - Periodically stop in a safe place such as a parking lot to inspect:
 - Road conditions
 - Weather forecast
 - Ice buildup on the vehicle



Inclement Winter Weather



- Icy Roads

- Steer where you want to go, avoid oversteering
- When sliding:
 - Gently give your steering wheel a slight turn in the same direction that your back end is headed
 - If needed, brake lightly (ABS will turn on) – this sounds like a grinding noise and you may feel thumping on the pedal

Inclement Winter Weather



- Snow

- Avoid distractions such as phone calls, conversations, music, eating and drinking
- Avoid passing plow and sand trucks (they are your friend, stay behind them)
- They will pull over every 10-15km to let vehicle pass if they wish
- Stay well back from plows to avoid loss of visibility and damage to your vehicle

Pileups

- Turn on Hazard Lights
- Call 911
- When to stay in your vehicle
 - It is generally considered safest to remain in your vehicle with your seatbelt on
 - A live electrical line is down on or near your vehicle
- When to get out
 - You can see far enough down the roadway to see any incoming vehicles
 - Your vehicle or one nearby is on fire, or leaking gas/hazardous materials
- If safe to do so, walk back to signal traffic to slow down
- Do NOT remain on the roadway while outside a vehicle

Stranded in the Winter

- Call
 - Tow truck for help
 - 911 for life-threatening emergencies
- Run vehicle for 10 mins every hour
- Keep exhaust clear
- Keep window open
- Dress warm and use blanket
- Keep moving
- On the road or shoulder, keep your seatbelt on

Hit the Ditch

- Stay calm and steer where you want to go
- Avoid hard braking and acceleration
- Keep momentum to get out
- Use floor mats for traction when stuck
- Light throttle = more grip (use low gear)
- Completely stuck?
 - Don't floor it
 - Call for a tow truck

