

# WINTER DRIVING SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS



Winters can be challenging for motorists and safety on the roads should be a top priority. Weather conditions can be unpredictable, placing extra demands on your vehicle and driving skills!

## Three Elements Of Winter Driving

- #1: Stay Alert
- #2: Slow Down
- #3: Stay In Control

## TIP #1: Be Prepared! Is Your Vehicle Ready?

Make sure your vehicle is in optimal condition for winter driving. Don't wait to have your tires, battery, belts, hoses, radiator, oil, lights, brakes, exhaust system, heater/defroster, wipers and ignition system checked!

Keep your fuel tank sufficiently full! At least half a tank is recommended.

Be sure to have sufficient windshield washer fluid in the reservoir. Try to keep an extra jug in your trunk as back up.

## TIP #2: Have A Winter Survival Kit.

It is a good idea to keep a winter survival kit in your vehicle. Having essential supplies can provide comfort and safety for you and your passengers should you become stranded.

### RECOMMENDED ITEMS

Ice scraper/snowbrush	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire extinguisher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shovel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Small tool kit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sand or other traction aid	<input type="checkbox"/>	Extra clothing & footwear	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tow rope or chain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blankets	<input type="checkbox"/>
Booster cables	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-perishable energy foods such as soup, granola bars, juice & bottled water	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road flares or warning lights	<input type="checkbox"/>	Candles	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flashlight and batteries	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matches or lighters	<input type="checkbox"/>
First Aid Kit	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>



## TIP #3: Avoid Bulky Children's Clothing In Car Seats.

**Why are snowsuits and quilted inserts unsafe to use in a car seat?**

Snowsuits and inserts add bulk between the child's back and the shell of the car seat changing the way the harness straps sit on your child. Bulk is bad because anything with air in it will compress in a collision leaving slack in the harness. If the harness is not correctly placed, your child's safety becomes compromised.

**How to keep your children safe AND warm?**

### **For babies in an infant seat:**

Dress them warmly in normal clothing such as a shirt, sweatshirt, long pants and a hat. Buckle the child into the infant seat, then cover the baby with a light blanket tucked around their sides. Make sure nothing is behind the baby's back! Finally, add another heavier blanket over the top of the infant carrier or use a car seat cover that fits over the whole infant seat once the baby is buckled in.

### **For older babies & toddlers:**

Take the child's coat off before buckling them into the car seat. Once the harnesses are secure, put the child's coat on backwards over their arms to keep them warm without compromising safety.

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