

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

BE PREPARED

- Pack an emergency kit with a hat, mitts, blanket, small shovel, and a flare or flashlight.
- Ensure your vehicle has winter tires with adequate tread.
- Keep your vehicle well-maintained by inspecting tires, battery, engine, lights, brakes, heat, and wipers before winter.
- Carry an ice scraper, snow brush, extra windshield wash, and booster cables.
- Keep cat litter or salt in the trunk. Both can help increase traction if wheels are spinning on ice.
- Review your vehicle's manual to understand braking systems and handling in winter conditions.

SAFETY HABITS

- See and be seen. Clear snow and ice from windows, mirrors, headlights, and the roof. Snow on the roof can block your view or fall off, obstructing other vehicles.
- Charge your phone fully and have emergency contacts saved.
- Check the weather forecast for the whole day, not just when you leave.
- Top up your windshield wash and keep your gas tank full.
- Inform someone of your travel route and ETA, especially for long trips.

SAFETY FIRST

- Be well-rested so you can stay alert.
- Avoid distractions like phones, eating, or adjusting clothing while driving.
- Use headlights and taillights at all times, even during the day.
- Slow down and allow extra travel time.
- Don't change lanes or overtake in slushy, icy conditions.
- Watch out for drifting snow and unplowed areas.
- Increase the distance between you and other vehicles, especially when stopped.
- Don't use cruise control in adverse conditions.
- If conditions worsen and visibility deteriorates, pull over to a safe place and wait until they improve.
- Adapt driving to the road conditions.
- Never drive under the influence and always wear your seatbelt.
- Avoid sudden movement.
- Give snowplows 50 meters of space.
- Use hazard lights if you're driving below the speed limit or stopped.
- Be patient.

In Case of Emergency Call 911

Non-emergency reports can be made in-person or by phone **709-729-8000**

Insurance companies will require an accident report number.



Scan here to file a Royal Newfoundland Constabulary accident report online.

CALL POLICE IF...

- Someone is injured in a collision.
- Damage appears to be \$2000 or more, or vehicles can't be moved.
- The other driver doesn't stop or fails to provide their license, insurance and registration.
- Reporting road hazards, obstructions, or safety issues.