



BAD WEATHER DRIVING TIPS

Tips on handling the common hazards of driving in rain, fog, snow, and ice:

Slippery roads (wet or icy)

- Stay below posted speed limits
- To avoid hydroplaning, try to drive in the tracks of the car in front of you
- Know your vehicle's braking system
- Watch for icy patches on bridges and in the shade
- Increase the distance between you and the car in front of you

Poor Visibility

- Reduce your speed so you can stop in whatever distance you can see ahead. Use your flashers if you're going slowly.
- Use your wipers
- Use low beams when visibility is a problem
- Wear sunglasses when there's glare from snow
- If snow or ice builds up on the windshield, stop and clean it off
- Increase the distance between you and the car in front of you

Rain hazards

- Stay out of puddles, they can hide potholes and flood your brakes. If brakes do become flooded, dry them by driving with the brake pedal down until they start working again.
- If spray from an oncoming vehicle blinds you, grip the wheel firmly, stay off the brake, and be ready to brake when the view clears
- Keep your windshield and windows clear
- Keep your windshield washer reservoir full
- Drive slowly and smoothly on slippery surfaces
- Apply brakes gently



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Safety Talk

Before you start

- Postpone your trip if necessary if bad weather is forecast
- Don't drive when fatigued
- Keep your car well maintained

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