

## **Top 10 Winter Driving Safety Tips**

1. Make sure your vehicle is serviced and ready for winter.
2. Install four matching snow tires.
3. Pack an emergency kit. Your vehicle should be equipped with a winter emergency survival kit. The following items are recommended:
  - Ice scraper, snow brush, rags and paper towels.
  - Jumper cables, basic tool kit, antifreeze, and no-freeze windshield washer fluid.
  - Shovel, traction mats or old rugs, tire chains, salt, or sand.
  - Blankets and extra clothing including hats, socks, waterproof boots, and coats.
  - Non-perishable, high-calorie food.
  - Flashlight with extra batteries, flares or roadway reflectors.
  - A basic first aid kit..
  - A cellular telephone with a backup power source might be the single most important safety item available. A citizen's band radio is a good alternative.
4. Learn and practice winter driving techniques before you need them.
5. Plan your trip, check road conditions and leave yourself plenty of time.
6. Remove all snow from your vehicle before each trip.
7. Give yourself extra travel time in bad weather.
8. Avoid using overdrive and cruise control on slippery roads.
9. Travel with a fully charged cell phone.
10. SLOW DOWN and wear your seatbelt.