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SAFETY MONDAY



WINTER VEHICLE OPERATIONS

PREPARING FOR WINTER

Ensure regular vehicle maintenance has been performed.

Conduct thorough inspections on:

- Batteries, brakes, wiper blades, and fluid levels.
- **Tires** – tread depth, inflation, do you need winter tires?
- **Hydraulics** – do you need cold weather fluids, are fluid levels correct, are lines free of cracks or abrasions, are fittings snug and maintained?



ON THE ROAD

- **Slow Down** – you will have greater reaction times and be prepared for the unknown and unexpected such as ice, fallen branches, or other obstructions.
- **Increase following distances** – this will allow for greater braking time on roads that may be slick or other vehicles that may stop suddenly.
- **Be Aware** – stopping on hills may not be safe due to conditions, intersections may have frequent stopping, road conditions may change regularly (keep your hands on the wheel and be scanning your mirrors).



EMERGENCY WINTER KIT

Make sure your vehicle has: a first aid kit, flashlight, blankets, ice scraper, snow shovel, tire chains, water, and non-perishable food.

