

WINTER VEHICLE TRAVEL TIPS



BE PREPARED FOR WINTER TRAVEL BY KNOWING THE FACTS

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- Check with the airline before leaving for the airport to make sure your flight has not been canceled or delayed.
- Don't use a cell phone while driving; set directions before leaving.
- Make sure your vehicle has been checked over and fully winterized before the season begins. This includes: Putting on winter tires, ensuring the lights, heater and windshield wipers are in working condition, and all fluids have been filled, with refills stowed in the trunk or backseat. **(See: AccuWeather Winter Vehicle Preparedness Checklist)**
- Take it SLOW in the SNOW and increase your following distance. It takes longer to come to a stop, to accelerate or to turn in the snow, so give yourself the time to safely complete these actions by driving slowly.
- Black ice is nearly impossible to see. Use your car's thermometer to gauge temperature. If it is near freezing, drive like you are on ice – you might be!
- Keep your gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
- Avoid traveling alone and always let someone know your timetable and primary/alternate routes.
- Check the forecast along your route, so you know what kind of weather to expect.
- Always turn your headlights on if your windshield wipers are on. This is not only to help you see better, but to allow others on the road to see you as well.
- Call 511 before you leave. Every state offers this Department of Transportation service, which provides the latest traffic and road incidents, including construction, weather conditions and any road restrictions.

