

ROADWAY REMINDERS

WINTER WEATHER



DURING INSTANCES OF WINTER WEATHER, THE BEST ADVICE IS TO AVOID UNNECESSARY TRAVEL WHEN POSSIBLE. SNOW, SLEET AND ICE CAUSE REDUCED PAVEMENT FRICTION AND VEHICLE MANEUVERABILITY, INCREASING THE POSSIBILITY OF CAR CRASHES AND BECOMING STRANDED. IF YOU DO HAVE TO VENTURE OUT THIS WINTER IN YOUR AREA OR OTHERWISE, HERE ARE A FEW SEASONAL TIPS AND REMINDERS:



PLAN IN ADVANCE

TAKE THE TIME TO PUT TOGETHER A KIT OF WEATHER-RELATED ESSENTIALS BEFOREHAND. ITEMS SUCH AS A CELL PHONE, A PHONE CHARGER, BLANKETS, A FIRST-AID KIT, JUMPER CABLES, TOOL KIT, WINDSHIELD SCRAPER, ROAD MAPS, BAG OF SAND OR CAT LITTER (TO POUR ON ICE OR SNOW FOR ADDED TRACTION), A COLLAPSIBLE SHOVEL, FLASHLIGHT AND EXTRA BATTERIES.



IF STRANDED...



- **TIE A BRIGHTLY COLORED CLOTH TO THE ANTENNA AS A SIGNAL TO RESCUERS.**
- **MOVE ANYTHING YOU NEED FROM THE TRUNK INTO THE PASSENGER AREA.**
- **WRAP YOURSELF HEAD TO TOE IN BLANKETS, OR EXTRA CLOTHES AND STAY INSIDE.**
- **STAY AWAKE AND MOVE YOUR ARMS AND LEGS TO IMPROVE YOUR CIRCULATION.**
- **RUN THE MOTOR (AND HEATER) FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES PER HOUR, OPENING ONE WINDOW SLIGHTLY TO LET AIR IN. MAKE SURE THAT SNOW IS NOT BLOCKING THE EXHAUST PIPE AS THIS WILL REDUCE THE RISK OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING.**

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WHEN DRIVING IN THE ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS, DRIVERS NEED TO BE AWARE OF THE HAZARDS OF TRAVEL AND BE PREPARED TO MEET THE CHALLENGES. MAKE SURE EVERYONE IN THE VEHICLE IS PROPERLY RESTRAINED AND ENSURE YOUR VEHICLE IS MAINTAINED TO HANDLE NOT ONLY THE ADVERSE ROAD CONDITIONS BUT THE FRIGID TEMPERATURES AS WELL. HERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR SAFE TRAVEL.



BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- DRESS WARMLY AND KEEP A BLANKET IN THE VEHICLE
- CHARGE YOUR CELLULAR PHONE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE
- CLEAR OFF ALL VEHICLE WINDOWS AND LIGHTS
- FILL YOUR TANK IN THE EVENT YOU ARE STRANDED
- USE AN ANTI-ICE SOLUTION WINDSHIELD WASHER FLUID
- PUT TOGETHER A KIT OF WEATHER-RELATED ESSENTIALS



WHEN HEADING OUT



- LEAVE EARLIER THAN NEEDED IN CASE OF TRAVEL DELAYS
- REDUCE YOUR SPEED IN WINTERY CONDITIONS
- TURN ON YOUR VEHICLE'S HEADLAMPS FOR VISIBILITY
- INCREASE DISTANCE BETWEEN VEHICLES FOR STOPPING
- BE MORE CAUTIOUS ON BRIDGES AND OVERPASSES
- AVOID USING CRUISE CONTROL DUE TO SLIPPERY SURFACES

