



CANADIAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

FACT SHEET

Winter Driving - Be Prepared

Think Safety when driving this winter. Cold temperatures, slippery roads, and decreased visibility make driving in winter conditions challenging. Canadian drivers can be prepared for winter driving conditions by following a few simple tips.

Slow down - Black ice, slush or snow covered roads can make stopping dangerous. Drive slowly and leave plenty of distance between vehicles.

Proper tires – Traction is the key to good movement, turning and stopping on wet, slushy or icy surfaces. Check tires and tire pressure at least once a month when tires are cold and remember that tire air pressure decreases in colder weather. Winter tires provide additional traction in colder weather.

Windshield wipers and fluid - Fill up on winter washer fluid and replace wiper blades that streak. Make sure there is enough windshield washer fluid in the reservoir and that it is rated in the -40C temperature range. Carry an extra jug in the vehicle.

Keep the gas tank topped up - When driving in bad weather, think caution, plan ahead and make sure you have enough fuel. Keep the fuel tank at least half full.

See and be seen - clear all snow from the hood, roof, windows and lights. Clear all windows of fog. If visibility becomes poor, find a place to safely pull off the road as soon as possible.

Carry emergency equipment – Have the appropriate safety and emergency winter equipment always stored in your car. This should include: shovel, extra warm clothes, blanket, booster cables, ice scraper & brush, first aid kit, flashlight & flares, food, candle & matches. For a complete list or to order your winter survival kit visit your local CAA store.

For more information, please visit: www.caa.ca

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