

Winter Driving

The three key elements of safe winter driving are:

Stay alert, slow down, and stay in control.

Winter driving on our Saskatchewan roads can prove to be a challenge, whether it's across town or across the province. Either way, it's best for you and your vehicle to be prepared. A vehicle safety kit and remembering our winter driving safety tips can help you arrive at your destination and on time.

Vehicle Safety Kit

- List of emergency phone numbers
- Cell phone
- Ice scraper and brush
- Shovel
- Traction aid (sand, kitty litter)
- Road flares or warning lights
- Emergency food pack
- Flashlight
- Tow rope
- Candle and matches
- Spare tire and lug wrench
- Booster cables
- First aid kit
- Fire extinguisher

Winter Driving Safety Tips

- Check weather and travel conditions before beginning your journey.
- Drive at speeds appropriate to road and weather conditions.
- Travel with weather-appropriate clothing in case of breakdown.
- Clear snow and ice from your vehicle windows, lights, mirrors and roof.
- Avoid the use of cell phones while driving.
- Know your vehicle's braking distance.
- Increase your following distance and avoid heavy braking.
- Watch for wildlife on or near highways.
- Slow down in school zones and give yourself extra time for braking.

Pre-winter vehicle checklist

- Have vehicle maintenance check-up done.
- Check condition of tires.
- Consider purchasing winter tires.
- Switch from summer to winter washer fluid.
- For rear-wheel drive vehicles, place sand bags behind the rear axle (not too far back) for extra weight.
- Assemble a vehicle safety kit and put it in your vehicle.