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## WINTER IS ON ITS WAY!

The No. 1 cause of winter driving accidents is due to driving too fast. Whether you're driving across town or across the country it's wise to plan your trip carefully. Aggressive driving not only wastes fuel, it causes you to lose control of your vehicle even in the best of road conditions. Keep those emergency rooms less busy this winter, follow these tips for safe winter driving.

### 10 Tips for Winter Weather Driving

1. **Respect the winter** - Plan extra time for a trip in the winter.
2. **Wear your safety belts** - You have to be protected no matter what season it is, Make it a good driving rule that everyone must be buckled up before the vehicle moves.
3. **Don't drink & drive** - Remember that you have less reaction time in hazardous conditions under the influence of alcohol.
4. **Winterize your vehicle's safety kit** - Your kit should include a blanket, a small shovel to dig out snow, sand to help get traction if needed, a flashlight, jumper cables, ice scraper/brush and lock deicer.
5. **Conduct a Road-trip inspection** - check the antifreeze to ensure proper levels. Inspect wipers that they are good enough to handle snow & ice. Be sure you have enough gas.
6. **Be ready for changing conditions** - Make sure you have good tires that can handle different types of weather and road surface conditions.
7. **Don't get SUV overconfidence** - The bigger the vehicle, the tougher it is to stop.
8. **Know how to react to trouble** - If you have antilock brakes, don't pump them. Press them down as hard as you can. If you go into a skid turn the steering wheel in the direction you want the front of the car to go to keep the skid from getting out of control.
9. **Leave some space** - Follow the 3 second rule. After the vehicle in front of you passes a stationary object, you should be able to count 3 seconds before you pass it.
10. **Defuse road rage** - To avoid becoming a road -rage statistic, leave more room between yourself and

### Safety on Campus

- Wear the right shoes for the weather. Remember that no shoe sole material is perfect under all conditions. Shoes soles made of hard plastic or leather and high-heeled shoes are less than ideal.
- Walking to and from parking lots and between buildings during the winter requires special attention to avoid slipping and falling
- We often forget how dangerous slip and falling can be. No matter how well the snow and ice is removed from the streets and sidewalks you may encounter slippery surfaces when walking to your destination.
- It is important to be continually aware of the dangers and walk safely on ice and slippery surfaces. Allow extra time to get to your destination. Rushing may cause a slip and fall accident.
- Report Unsafe road/sidewalk conditions to the Public Safety Department.
- During inclement weather call **810-232-8989** for campus closing.

