



WINTER TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS

From the Hawthorne Traffic Bureau

Think Caution – Get in the right frame of mind before you get behind the wheel. According to traffic studies, lack of attention is a major contributing factor in auto crashes. Don't drive scared or emotionally upset.

Keep a clear view - Keep your windshield and windows clean. This will reduce view obstruction. Make sure your washer solvent tank is full.

A bright idea – Make sure your headlamps and brake lamp lens are clean, this increases your visibility and your visibility to other drivers.

Avoid using Cruise control – to prevent loss of traction, you may need to reduce your speed by lifting off the accelerator, which cannot be done when cruise control is engaged.

Putting on the brakes – Stopping on a slippery surfaces require more distance to stop, so increase your following distance.

Remove the snow – Before you get behind the wheel, take a few moments to completely clear the ice and snow from your vehicle. This simple task can be a lifesaver for you and everyone else on the road.

Summary – Driving risks increase in wet-weather conditions. To maximize your driving safety, be aware of the changing road conditions, reduce your speed appropriately, and be prepared for changing situations. If you follow these step you will be on you're way to safe motoring in dangerous conditions.