



Winter Safety Tips (Be ready for winter)

State law prohibits residents or businesses from plowing snow, ice or slush onto or across roadways or highways. In addition, snow must not be piled to obstruct motorists' vision. Snowplows operate by pushing snow to the right. So when clearing your driveway, pile snow to the right of your driveway (as you face the road), keeping road shoulders clear; this will help reduce the amount of snow pushed into or in front of your driveway.

- Be sure your windshield is clear of ice and snow, washer fluids are full, tires have proper air pressure and tread, and your vehicle is equipped with essential emergency equipment.
- Posted speeds are for ideal road conditions. Michigan law requires motorists to drive at a "careful and prudent speed" in all conditions. Reduce speeds and increase following distances
- Accelerate and brake slowly and avoid over-steering
- Brake carefully, applying constant pressure (don't pump anti-lock brakes)
- Beware of ice patches and "black ice". Bridges and overpasses freeze first
- If your vehicle becomes disabled, be sure to use flashers and mark the vehicle so that it can be seen clearly by passing vehicles and snow plows; if it becomes necessary to abandon the vehicle call "911" to indicate the location of the vehicle.
- Avoid distractions such as talking on your cell or texting
- Always wear your safety belt and ensure that all passengers are properly buckled, and children are in appropriate child-restraints.
- Don't attempt to pass snow plow vehicles while they are plowing. NEVER attempt to pass a snow plow on the right.
- **Don't' CROWD THE PLOW!** Plow drivers have limited visibility and they cannot see directly behind their trucks.
- **Please be aware that trucks may back up at intersections.**