



Winter Driving





Winter Driving Information

“Skids, Slips, Digs & Tips”

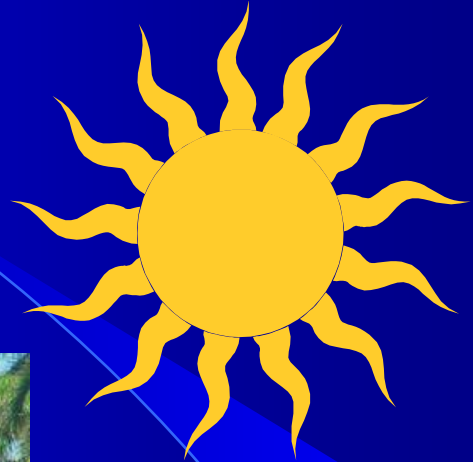


How to drive and survive in Ohio's favorite season!

Can Conditions Change

Here in Ohio, we must sometimes be prepared
to go.

from this...



...to this!



Winter demands a safer, better driver

- Anticipate...
- Adjust...
- Assume nothing!!!

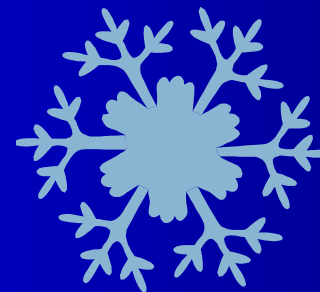
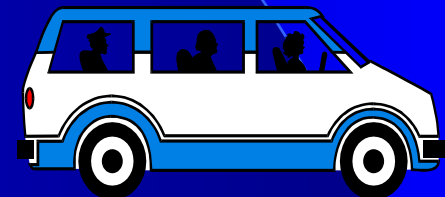


My New Snow-mobile!



Three Key Elements of Winter Driving

- The Driver
- The Vehicle
- The Conditions



● The Driver

- Seating position
- Hand/steering position
- Foot position
- Position in relation to controls
- Mirror adjustments
- Safety Equipment
 - Lap/shoulder harness
 - Head restraint
 - Air bag



•The Vehicle

What is wrong in the next three slides?

Watch!



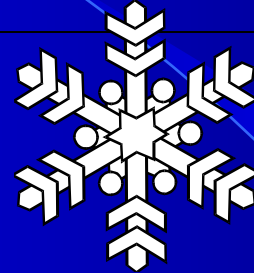




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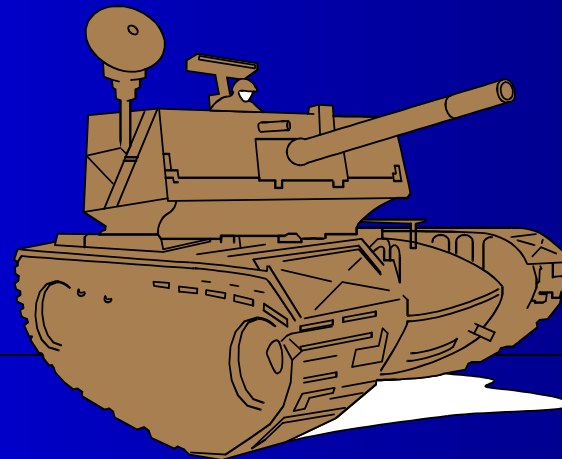
1. “Winterize” Your Car !

- Coolant & hoses
- Tires
- All lights
- Wipers & washer fluid
- Winter-grade oil
- Brakes
- Other items



2. Adjust Driving Habits

- Slow down
- Increase your following distance - 5 sec.
- Stop, steer, accelerate gradually
- Use low beams
- Plan your route



3. Relax and keep calm.

Remember, you can't control weather or traffic;
only how you react to it.



4. What to do if you get stuck

- Use cell phone to call for help
- Stay with your car
- Make your car visible
- Clear exhaust pipe of snow
- Put on layers of clothing
- Run engine 15 minutes every hour
- Don't panic!



Emergency Survival Kit

Suggested items to keep in your trunk:

- blanket
- small shovel
- warning triangles/reflective vest
- sand/kitty litter
- flashlight
- jumper cables
- red flag or cloth
- mittens, warm hat, several old sweaters

Top Ten Winter Driving Tips

1. **Slow down!!!**
2. Be extra careful on bridges
3. Watch for “black ice”
4. Leave early when conditions worsen
5. Clear snow from the entire vehicle
6. Avoid passing snowplows
7. Check fluid levels
8. Have at least 1/2 tank of gas
9. Carry an emergency kit
10. If stranded, stay with your car

Consequences to Poor Winter Planning!



House in the country \$1 Million.

Three luxury cars \$150,000.

Leaving town during a cold Michigan winter without turning off the water pipes in your garage PRICELESS!



Please Remember to
BUCKLE UP!!!

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