



Short Safety Subject

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Slippin' And Slidin'

Weather - related hazards play a significant part in the increasing traffic mishap rates. Snow and ice on roadways, combined with increased traffic, require drivers to be even more vigilant than usual. Darkness falls much earlier during the winter months, which also increases the chances of traffic accidents. Piles of plowed snow and parking lots make deliveries more difficult. To add to the hassle, drivers may be physically below par in the winter due to frequent colds and flu, extra activities at home, and off-duty holiday celebrations.

Failure to keep your distance and provide yourself with a way out can add to the holiday problem. You may be driving safely, but what if someone ahead of you is speeding or distracted?

Winter driving conditions put more strain on vehicles no matter what traffic problems drivers may face so it's important to make sure that your vehicle doesn't break down and complicate things. Be sure to check your headlights and taillights for alignment and brightness. Replace worn out windshield wipers and keep the fluid system filled - if you can't see a hazard, you can't avoid it. Make sure you have emergency tools and materials in the trunk for unexpected trouble. These include a flashlight, flares, battery cables, an empty gas can, blankets, work gloves, a bag of sand, and a shovel.