



Communiqué

Winter Driving

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Camborne, ON – Winter Driving

Winter can be a hazardous time of year for drivers across Ontario roadways. Many weather-related car accidents occur **on** snowy, slushy, or icy days and nights. With winter immediately around corner, here are a few tips to help you prepare.

Prevent problems before they occur when travelling:

Top 10 tips

1. Get your vehicle ready for winter in the fall.
2. *Install four matching winter tires.
3. Pack an emergency kit.
4. Don't let your gas tank get too low.
5. Plan your trip, check road and weather conditions.
6. Remove all snow from your vehicle before each trip.
7. Give yourself extra travel time in bad weather.
8. Avoid using cruise control on slippery roads.
9. Travel with a fully charged cell phone.
10. **SLOW DOWN** and **WEAR** your seatbelt.

* Winter tires have been designed for use in snow. They carry pictograph  on the side-wall of a peaked mountain with a snowflake, meet high standards for winter traction performance and should not be confused with Mud + Snow (M+S) rated snow tires. Winter tires are a good idea, and may even be legally required where you live. To learn more about winter tires, visit: [Transport Canada's Winter Tire Safety Tips](#) and [Be Tire Smart!](#).

Remember to do your part to keep our highways, roadways and streets safe this winter and make it easier for maintenance crews to clear away snow and ice as quickly and efficiently as possible. Plan ahead and drive according to the conditions as cold temperatures bring new risks to the roads.

For more information including links to road conditions, see MTO site:

<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/ontario-511/winter-highway-maintenance.shtml>

Prevention is better than recovery

Winter driving can be risky, so be prepared.

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