WINTER - TRANSPORTATION

Tire Safety and Winter Driving

TO REDUCE YOUR RISK OF INJURY, PRACTICE THESE SAFETY TIPS

Hazards

⚠ **Stuck By/Against**
- Other vehicles
- Fixed objects
- Wildlife
- Pedestrians

⚠ **Exposure To**
- Cold and wet conditions
- Inclement weather
- Icy road conditions

5 Safety Tips

1 Select the appropriate tire for the conditions you are driving in. Snow tires provide better traction in the snow than all-season tires, but need to be changed seasonally.

2 Frequent inspections, regular tire rotation and proper inflation pressure are vital for tires and vehicle performance.

3 Allow plenty of time for travel and familiarize yourself with weather conditions and the route you are driving with maps and directions.

4 Cell phones and electronic devices need to be put away when operating a vehicle to avoid distracted driving.

5 Keep sand and a shovel in your vehicle in case you need to add traction to grounds that are unkempt.

PPE

ADHERE TO POLICY

✓ **Personal Protective Equipment**

Appropriate Footwear

Seatbelt

Emergency Travel Kit

General Safety Tips

- Consider the tire rating when selecting tires. The higher the rating the longer the lifespan and better performance.
- Have your tires rotated with each oil change to ensure it is being done regularly.
- Communicate with coworkers, friends, or family when traveling and inform them of arrival times.
- Avoid cellphone use and driving fatigued; always stay alert.
- Have a travel kit for emergency within every vehicle. This should include: flashlights, jumper cables, abrasive material, shovel, snow brush/ice scraper, warning devices, blankets, and food and water.
- Anticipate icy conditions or surface changes where your traction could change. Black ice occurs when melting and refreezing occurs.
- Always check to ensure the tail pipe is not covered or clogged with snow to prevent carbon monoxide exposure.
- Report any hazards and unsafe conditions.
- Always ask questions when you are unsure of something

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