



## 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.