Winter ***

Whether it's snow, sleet or ice, winter weather can cause dangerous road conditions.

Planning and preparing yourself – and your vehicle – for winter weather travel is key.





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TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS



Slow down: It is hard to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered road. Increase following distance to have time to stop.



Keep your distance from snow plows: Snow plows travel slowly, make wide turns, stop often, overlap lanes, and exit the road frequently. Stay alert and behind snow plows and use caution when passing.

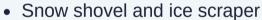
Prepare your vehicle

- Have a mechanic **c**heck **y**our battery, fluid levels, lights, windshield wipers, tires, and make repairs.
- Have a full tank of gas or a fully charged battery.
- Plan your route.
- Be aware of changing weather and road conditions.



Stock your vehicle

Carry items to handle winter driving-related tasks and emergencies:



- Abrasive material like sand, in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow
- Jumper cables, flares, and a flashlight
- Blankets for protection from the cold
- Food, water, and medicine
- Cell phone and charger

Buckle Up the Family - Every Trip, Every Time

- Select a car seat, booster seat, or seat belt based on age, weight, height, and developmental needs.
- Install and use car seats and booster seats following the car seat and vehicle manufacturer instructions.
- Avoid coats that interfere with a snug, correctly positioned harness.











Check the Fit of the Child's Car Seat Harness Do the Coat Test...



- Place the child wearing their coat in the car seat.
- Correctly place the harness on the child and secure snugly to fit the child.
- Without loosening the harness, unbuckle the harness and take the child out of the car seat.
- Remove the child's coat, place the child back in the car seat and buckle the harness.
 - If you can pinch the webbing between your thumb and forefinger, the coat is too bulky to be worn under the harness.





CAR SEAT HARNESS FIT

Keep Children Warm and Safe in Their Car Seats

Tips to Keep Children Warm

- Warm up the vehicle in a well-ventilated area before securing the child in the car.
- Purchase coats that come in layers or offer warmth with thinner fabrics.
- Place a blanket over the secured child in the car seat for additional warmth.



- Put the child's coat on backwards once the harness is buckled and tightened.
- Slip the child's arms through the sleeves and lay the coat over the secured child.

