



Communiqué

Winter Driving-Be prepared, be Safe!

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Camborne, ON - Winter Driving-Be prepared, be Safe!

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

Keeping your vehicle in good technical repair reduces your overall chances for any mishap or disaster while driving- particularly in winter weather. To prepare your vehicle for winter driving, give it a complete checkup.

Electrical

- Recharge battery or replace if the battery is weak.

Brakes

- Have your brakes checked and adjust to ensure equal braking.

Tires

- Use four snow tires that are the same type, size, speed rating, and load index for better handling, control and stability.

Exhaust System

- Keep the window in your vehicle slightly open when you are stuck in snow, and run the engine and heater to keep warm. Keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow. A blocked pipe can force carbon monoxide back into the car interior.

Heating/cooling system

- Ensure that your vehicle always has a sufficient amount of antifreeze rated for the coldest weather

Windshield Wipers

- Ensure that windshield wipers function efficiently. Replace them if they are old or worn and fill the washer container with an antifreeze fluid and top it up frequently.

Fuel

- Fill up the fuel tank before you leave on your trip.

Winter Driving Kit

- Always keeps a well-stocked winter driving kit.

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

Be prepared, be safe!

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