

What You Need To Know About Winter Driving

Though it doesn't feel like it, we're in the middle of winter. There are ways to winterize your car so you're prepared when freezing weather and winter conditions present unwelcome driving conditions.

- Always keep at least a half tank of gas in your car, especially when going long distance.
- Make sure your car is up to date with oil, brakes, and tire treads and check your exhaust pipe before driving.
- Take extra care to accelerate and decelerate slowly, skids can come out of nowhere and gentle pressure helps retain traction.
- Check the weather for your starting point and destination.

- Black ice is notoriously difficult to see. If the temperature is freezing, slow down.
- Make an emergency kit for your car: everything from food and water, glass scraper, flashlights, and medication can make a life or death difference.
- Keep a set of gloves and warm outerwear in your car, in case you find yourself stuck in the cold.
- Familiarize yourself with your route so you can be less reliant on a GPS in case road conditions change.
- Tell friends and family where you're going, when you're supposed to get there, and what route you're taking.
- In icy conditions, following distances is recommended to be increased to eight to ten seconds, as per AAA guidelines.

Always remember, others may not be as careful as you on the road. In case you're a car accident victim this winter, the **Law Offices of Elan Wurtzel** are here for you to give you proper consultation and representation.

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