

# WINTER DRIVING RESOURCES



Winter has arrived!

## Top Tips for Driving Safe this Winter

- 1) Don't go – If the weather is poor, postpone your trip if you can
- 2) Plan ahead – Decide on your route and check the forecasted weather
- 3) Be prepared – Always carry an emergency kit stocked with the essentials
- 4) Give it time – Leave extra time between appointments to avoid rushing
- 5) Maintain a safe following distance – Slippery roads mean extra distance is needed to stop.
- 6) Watch your speed – Keep your speed right for the conditions; often this means well below the posted speed limit.
- 7) Keep it steady – Avoid sudden braking and acceleration by keeping transitions smooth.
- 8) Limit distractions – Distractions can be hazardous even during the best weather. Focus your full attention to the road ahead,

## Stay safe while driving this winter

Safe winter driving takes extra skill, preparation, and time than driving on the clear, dry roads of summer. Snow, ice, and cold temperatures make roads more slippery and cause your vehicle to react differently. Below are great resources on how to prepare for winter driving, road emergencies and everything you need to know to stay safe this winter.

## Resources for YOU

### SHIFT INTO WINTER ([shiftintowinter.ca](http://shiftintowinter.ca))

Everything you need to know to get through the winter safely. Lots of excellent information and links to more resources.



### DRIVE BC ([drivebc.ca](http://drivebc.ca))

Up to the minute road reports, weather forecasts, and ferry / border information.



### BC FOREST SAFETY COUNCIL ([bcforestsafesafe.org](http://bcforestsafesafe.org))

Links to winter driving websites, the *10 Winter Driving Tips for BC Log Haulers* pamphlet, and a NEW Winter Driving postcard with an Emergency Kit checklist and tips on how to stay safe if you get stranded.



**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION** ([th.gov.bc.ca/SeasonalDriving](http://th.gov.bc.ca/SeasonalDriving)) - TONS of information on tire chains, tips for truckers, emergency preparedness, and more!



**BC Forest Safety**