



Drive Wise - Winterize!

Date of talk: _____

Description :

- Winter driving conditions are hazardous, by properly maintaining your vehicle, and checking the function of:
- Brakes - Properly adjusted to prevent pulling to one side.
- Tires - Check all tires for ample tread and correct pressure.
- Engine oil - Switch to a lightweight oil.
- Cooling system - Antifreeze should be renewed every 2 years.
- Windshield wipers - Use winter wipers and anti-freeze fluid.
- Lights - Ensure all lights are working and aimed correctly.
- Battery - Check battery to ensure reliability in colder weather.



Contributing Factors:

- Check the weather forecast and road conditions.
- Take warm clothes for the weather, drive fully dressed.
- If you are going on a trip, notify people at both ends of your route if possible, and your estimated times of departure and arrival.
- Clean ice and snow off of all windows, exterior lights, vents, roof and hood to maximize visibility.
- Ensure your fuel tank is at least half full at all times.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

- Slow down and increase your following distance: It takes much longer to stop on a slippery road.
- See and be seen: Drive with headlights on at all times, in a snowfall, use low beams.
- If you get stranded: If you are stuck or your vehicle breaks down in cold weather; call for assistance, stay with the vehicle, ensure tailpipe is clear to prevent carbon monoxide build-up inside the vehicle.
- Beware of road conditions such as snow and black ice and avoid using cruise control.

Discussions / Follow-up Actions:

Names of of Attendees:		