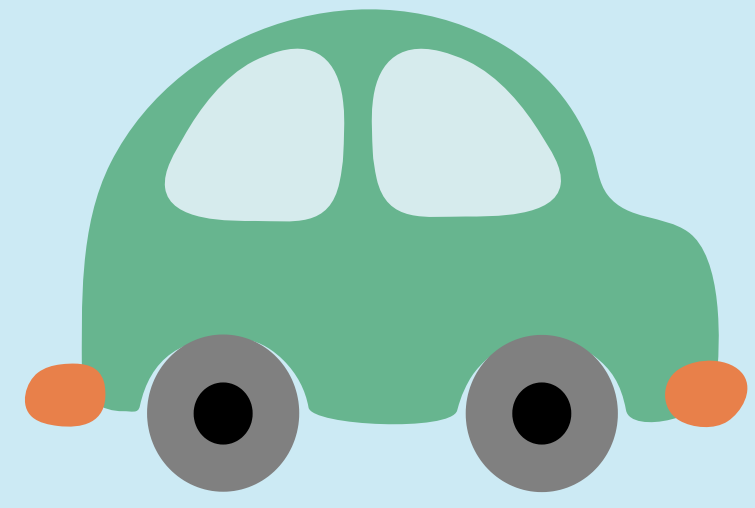




Let's Talk about:

Winter Driving



Hi CCS Community!

We are right around the corner from a snowy season! I hope everyone is staying warm and getting prepared for this winter season. For a lot of local Vermonters, driving in the snow is like second nature. For others, this can be a stressful time of year to be behind the wheel. Whether you are driving yourself or travelling in a car with someone else, here are some tips to stay safe in the winter.

Why is it important to be extra cautious during winter driving?

In the winter, driving conditions change. The impact of snow, sleet and ice can make a short drive more stressful and dangerous. It is important to limit your driving during active snowstorms and icy road conditions unless absolutely necessary.

Winter Driving Tips

Packing Emergency Supplies

It is a good idea to have an emergency supplies kit available in your car at all times in case you are ever stuck on the road during a storm or your car breaks down. Some items to include in your kit could be a blanket, warm clothes, non-perishable food such as protein bars, water bottles, a flashlight and hand warmers.

Winter Tires

The United States Department of Transportation recommends checking your tire pressure as temperatures drop outside. In your car's owner's manual, you can find the optimal inflation pressure of the tires. Do not over inflate the tires beyond that number.

Car Batteries

When temperatures drop, the car can take more battery power to start and some vehicles can have a reduced driving range. Make sure to fill up your gas tank earlier than you typically might to make sure you don't run out during a long drive.

Windshield Wiper Fluid

Make sure to fill up on your windshield wiper fluid to prevent ice formation on your windshields.

Driving Tips

When you are actually on the road, make sure to drive slowly. Account for extra time before you head out in snowy conditions. Be sure to maintain extra distance from the car in front of you in case you skid. Avoid using cruise control settings while driving in the snow.

Stay safe out there! Be sure to drive slowly, carefully and postpone unnecessary travel during snowy and icy conditions.

