



# Winter Driving Safety

## Tailgate Meeting Guide



## Driving in winter

During winter, the road hazards jump dramatically due to winter weather. When you're behind the wheel, driving is your only job. A few reminders to help you drive safely:

- Give yourself extra time for work travel. Adjust your schedule, if possible, so you're not rushing.
- Drop your speed. The posted speed limit is for ideal road conditions. In winter, slow it down – no matter how skilled you are at driving.
- Follow at a safe distance. It takes longer to stop on a slippery road. Leave at least four seconds between you and the vehicle in front.
- Watch for black ice. Shaded areas, bridges, and overpasses freeze sooner than other areas – even in sunshine. Slow down.
- Avoid sudden moves. Accelerating, braking, turning – do everything gently and gradually to avoid spinning your tires or your vehicle.

- Know how to handle a skid. If you begin to skid, ease off the brake or accelerator and steer smoothly in the direction you want to go.
- Help out your co-workers by reporting hazards such as poor weather, vehicle or road conditions to your supervisor.
- If you become stuck or stranded, follow the company's procedures. Stay with the vehicle for warmth and safety. Call for roadside assistance if needed. If it's an emergency, call 911.
- Keep a winter survival kit in your work vehicle. You can find details at [ShiftIntoWinter.ca](http://ShiftIntoWinter.ca).

## Know before you go.

Before heading out:

- Visit [DriveBC.ca](http://DriveBC.ca) for current road conditions.
- Visit [ShiftIntoWinter.ca](http://ShiftIntoWinter.ca) for tips on ways to prepare yourself, your vehicle, and how to drive safely on winter roads.



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**Other safety issues or suggestions made by attendees:**

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