



INCLEMENT WEATHER DRIVING TIPS



FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE GIVES A FEW DRIVING TIPS TO HELP YOU DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS. NO ONE FLYER OR INFORMATIONAL NOTICE CAN COVER EACH AND ALL TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS, BUT HERE ARE A FEW TO HELP ALL RESIDENTS

- 1) **SLOW DOWN**—Lowering your speed is the best advise to increasing your chances of avoiding an accident. 10 mph reduction is recommended.
- 2) **SLIDING OR SKIDDING**—If you do hit a patch of slippery road and you feel the car start to skid, you should take your foot off the accelerator and allow the speed to drop by itself until you regain control. Avoid using the brakes, as this will prolong the skid. If the car starts to spin while you are skidding, steer into the direction of the spin and allow the car to straighten up.
- 3) **ALLOW EXTRA TRAVEL TIME**—Plan more time in your travel schedule in relation to weather and road conditions.
- 4) **CLEAN OUTSIDE OF VEHICLE**—Before going out on the highways, clean and scrap as much snow and ice off your vehicle as you can. Including your headlights, taillights, mirrors and don't forget hood, roof and trunk areas. Large sheets of snow and ice coming off your vehicle can be detrimental to fellow travelers on the highway.
- 5) **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PLENTY OF FUEL**—When forecast comes, make sure you enough fuel.
- 6) **STAY OFF ROADS**—And the biggest tip of all, don't travel unless you absolutely have to. No need to be out on the roadways unless it is necessary.



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