

Adverse Weather



Watch out for the weather.

Those of us who live in Kansas know it's true... our weather can change in an instant. Sunny days turn to rainy days. Thunderstorms, tornados, blizzards. We have it all.

The best way to survive it?

Use common sense and be prepared to deal with adverse weather conditions.

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General driving tips

Monitor the weather.

Slow down to compensate for road conditions.

Drive defensively.

Tips for Rain, Snow, Sleet, Fog

- Slow down. Keep your distance. A car needs two-to-three times more stopping distance on wet pavement.
- Use headlights and windshield defroster for rain, fog, sleet and snow.
- Drive slowly, especially through puddles. Hitting several inches of water at high speed can cause a driver to lose control or splash water into the engine, causing it to stall. Never drive through standing water if you don't know how deep it is.
- Keep your wiper blades in good condition. They should be changed frequently to ensure they can clear rain, snow and ice adequately. And, keep your wiper fluid reservoir filled. Remember, if you are using your wipers, it's a good idea to turn on your headlights too.
- Watch for danger spots. Even when most pavement has been cleared of ice, it may remain on bridges or in shady spots.
- Accelerate and brake gently. Make turns gradually, especially at intersections that may have become icy from snow that has melted and become refrozen.

Be Prepared

Which of these crucial items do you keep in your vehicle?

Flashlight Blanket Flares Water

First aid kit Ice scraper Paper & pencil

Properly-filled spare tire & working jack

If You Breakdown During a Storm

- First and foremost, do not leave your vehicle stopped in a traffic lane. Get off the road if possible. In a snow or ice storm, stay with your vehicle, especially if you are in an isolated area. Trying to walk long distances to a farm house or a town under such conditions can be dangerous. (If you must leave your vehicle, leave a note with your name, a phone number and person to contact, the time and day you left, and which direction you're walking.)

Remember, being more alert to the road and weather will go a long way toward making...



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