



## Severe Weather Safety Tips: **Snow & Ice**



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When winter arrives, there is a potential for freezing temperatures, snowstorms, icy roads, and slippery sidewalks - all of which present a variety of health and safety hazards.

***Nearly 70% of injuries due to ice and snow result from vehicle accidents.***

### **Before the Snow or Ice Storm**

- Each fall have your car tuned up, check the level of antifreeze, make sure the battery is good, and check your tire tread or put on snow tires
- Check your car's emergency survival kit; it should include: flashlight, jumper cables, ice scraper, snow brush, small shovel, blankets, warning devices such as flares and reflectors, and sand or kitty litter to aid with traction
- Apply salt to your driveway and walkway to melt snow and ice

### **During a Snow or Ice Storm**

- Avoid driving in the ice or snow, if you must travel, drive slowly
- If your car is parked outside, make sure the exhaust pipe and the area around it are free of snow before you start the car. Snow packed in or around the exhaust pipe can cause high levels of carbon monoxide in the car
- Scrape and defrost all of the windows **before** pulling on the road
- Remember bridges and overpasses freeze before other road surfaces

***Beware of "black ice"!***

- Be more alert to the actions of other drivers
- Drive with your lights on; low beams are more effective in night driving
- Keep a light touch on the brakes to avoid locking the brakes and skidding

### **After a Snow or Ice Storm**

- Replenish your salt supply
- Use caution walking outdoors; things may still be slippery
- Remain alert and continue to drive slowly



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