

WINTER DRIVING TIPS



Winter weather will soon be upon us, and it is important to prepare ahead of time so you don't get caught off guard. As a first step, make certain your vehicles have decent tires and windshield wipers, a good battery, and enough antifreeze and washer fluid. Consider adding an emergency kit with items such as a small shovel, a bag of traction sand, blankets, LED flashlights, candles, matches, water, and non-perishable snacks in the event one of your employees needs to wait for assistance to arrive.

These driving tips will help you manage poor road conditions:

- Get plenty of rest before a trip.
- Don't use cruise control in inclement weather.
- Increase your following distance to eight to ten seconds to account for extra stopping distance.
- Avoid stopping when possible, opting for a slow roll.
- Avoid heavy acceleration up hills, as your wheels may spin. Instead, try to gain speed before reaching a hill and then proceed down the other side as slowly as possible.
- Take your time. Leave early enough to account for changing traffic without feeling the need to speed or drive aggressively.

A defensive driving class provides an excellent opportunity for your employees to refresh their driving skills, break bad habits, and identify areas for improvement. Many auto insurers also provide a discount following the successful completion of a defensive driving course. RETTEW offers a National Safety Council-certified Defensive Driving class, which you can host at your facility or take at our training center in Mechanicsburg, PA.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- 11/7-8 OSHA General Industry Outreach, 10-Hour
- 11/14-16 HAZWOPER Technician, 24-Hour
- 11/14-18 HAZWOPER Site Worker, 40-Hour
- 11/17 First Aid/CPR/AED/BBP - Initial
- 11/18 Permit-Required Confined Space
- 12/8 National Safety Council - Defensive Driving
- 12/9 HAZWOPER, 8-Hour Refresher
- 12/16 First Aid/CPR/AED/BBP - Initial

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