



# Toolbox TALK

## WINTER DRIVING BASICS

Get ready for winter with the three Ps of safe winter driving, prepare for the trip, protect yourself and others, and prevent crashes on the road.

### Prepare

- Plan your route, allow plenty of time, and share your plans with someone.
- Keep safety equipment and supplies in your vehicle.
- Make sure your car is in good operating condition (e.g., tires, battery, coolant, wipers, wiper fluid, etc.).
- Clean your car's external camera lenses, sensors, mirrors, and windows.
- Never leave a vehicle running in a garage.

### Protect

- Ensure everyone is wearing a seatbelt.
- Use child safety seats properly and never place a rear facing infant seat in front of an air bag.

### Prevent

- Avoid using cruise control in wintry conditions
- Steer in the direction of a skid. When your wheels regain traction, you won't have to overcorrect to stay in your lane.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly.
- Increase your following distance to 8 to 10 seconds or more as needed.
- Pull off the road to a safe place if visibility is limited and do not drive until conditions improve. Avoid pulling off onto the shoulder unless it is an absolute emergency as you may not be visible to other drivers.
- Keep your eyes open for pedestrians.
- Get plenty of rest the night before traveling.



Date:

### ATTENDANCE RECORD

SUPERVISOR:

CREW MEMBERS PRESENT:

COMMENTS/FEEDBACK: