

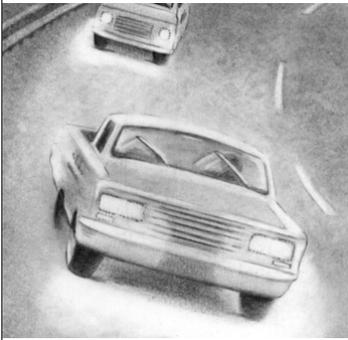
Driving in Bad Weather

Here's how to handle the common hazards of driving in rain, fog, snow and ice...



Slippery roads (wet or icy)...

- Stay below posted speed limits.
- To avoid hydroplaning on wet roads, try to drive in the tracks of the car in front of you.
- Avoid braking heavily on wet or icy roads.
- Watch for icy patches on bridges and in the shade.
- If you skid, take your foot off the gas and turn in the direction you want the car to go. Don't use the brake.



Poor visibility...

- Reduce your speed so you can stop in whatever distance you can see ahead. Use your flashers if you're going really slowly. Pull over if it's dangerous to drive. Make sure you pull well off the road, turn off your lights and move away from your car.
- Remember to use your wipers.
- Use low beams when visibility is a problem, both day and night.
- Wear sunglasses when there's glare from snow.
- If snow or ice builds up on your windshield, pull off the road, stop and clean it off.



Rain hazards...

- Stay out of puddles. They can hide potholes and flood your brakes. If your brakes do get flooded, dry them by driving with the brake pedal down until they start working again.
- If spray from an oncoming vehicle blinds you, grip the wheel firmly, stay off the brake and be ready to brake when the view clears.

Before you start...

- Check the weather forecast and postpone your trip if necessary.
- Make sure your car is well maintained: wipers in good condition, fluid levels full, tires properly inflated and worn tires replaced.
- Don't drive when you're tired.
- Make any necessary phone calls before departing, to avoid the temptation of using your cell phone while driving.

SAFETY HAZARDS