



# SAFETY TIPS FOR ICY ROADS

Whether you are brand new behind the wheel of a big rig or have been driving for years, traveling on slick roads can be risky. Use the following tips to stay as safe as possible for what remains of the winter.



## EMERGENCY KIT

You should always have:

- Gloves
- Rain gear
- A jacket
- Food and water
- Sand
- Windshield scraper (and a jug of washer fluid)
- Jumper cables
- Tire chains
- Batteries and chargers
- More than half a tank of gas



## WEATHER ALERTS

Download an app that will provide you with weather alerts along your route. This knowledge can help you determine if you should change your route. But don't check your phone while you're driving, even for weather. There are apps available that can provide voice alerts while you keep your eyes on the road.



## TRUCK INSPECTION

Regulations require you to inspect your vehicle prior to every trip, but you may want to conduct at least a quick inspection more frequently when conditions are dicey. Check your washer fluid levels at least once a day if you are using it frequently. Make sure you are keeping your cab and tires free of ice and snow as best as you can.



## DRIVING ON ICE

As soon as you come across inclement weather, slow your speed and increase your following distance. If you find yourself skidding on a patch of ice, pump your brakes, shift to neutral and turn the wheel in the direction you want the truck to go. If you do encounter changing weather conditions, determine whether it is still safe to drive.



## GET COMMERCIAL ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE

One last tip: Make sure that your commercial roadside assistance coverage is up to date. If you happen to break down, blow a tire or have some other kind of emergency on the road, having roadside assistance could be a lifesaver.

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