

Motorists should prepare for any driving condition they might encounter. That includes not only heavy traffic and road construction work zones but also unexpected weather changes.

Drive to Conditions

- Accelerate and brake slowly
- Allow extra time to stop
- Change windshield wipers
- Check your tires for tread wear
- Reduce speed
- Turn on your headlights

Driving in Winter Weather

- Drive slowly, with cruise control turned off
- Increase your following distance
- Accelerate and brake gently; begin braking early
- Use extra caution on bridges, ramps overpasses and in shaded areas, as they tend to freeze first

Driving in Fog

- **Slow down** and do not drive faster than your field of vision
- Use windshield wipers and defroster to maximize visibility
- Increase following distance
- Don't stop suddenly
- Turn on your lights, including your hazard lights
- Use low beam headlights and fog lights, if you have them
- Use reflectors on the right edge of the road as a guide

Tips for Driving in Heavy Traffic

- Don't tailgate or flash your lights at another driver
- Maintain a safe distance from other drivers
- Keep to the same lane
- Stay focused on driving