

# WINTER DRIVING



## Winter Driving

**S**low down for wet, snowy, icy conditions.

**A**void quick braking or acceleration.

**F**ind out about driving conditions *before* you go.

**E**verytime — buckle up.

**T**urn signals, brake lights and windows need to be clear of snow.

**Y**ou should never use cruise control in winter weather conditions.

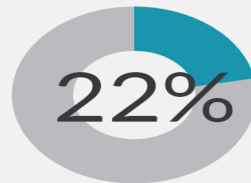
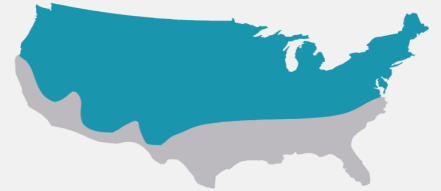
*Ice & Snow...  
Take it Slow*



## Car Crashes in Winter Weather

Over 70%

of the nation's roads are located in snowy regions, which receive more than five inches average snowfall each year.



22% of vehicle crashes are weather-related

When it snows, nonfatal-injury and property-damage-only crashes increase significantly, but fatal crashes decline.



Each year, snow, sleet, slush, and/or ice on the road leads to approximately:



537,000 crashes



136,000 injuries



1,800 deaths



**The first snowfall** of the season **is more dangerous** than subsequent snowfalls

30 fatal crashes

and

600 nonfatal injury crashes

in total might be avoided on the first 3 snow days of the year if drivers were more prepared.

## Winter Driving Tips

- 1 Prepare - winterize your car and keep an emergency kit.
- 2 Remove ALL snow and ice from your car before driving.
- 3 Accelerate, decelerate, and drive slowly.
- 4 Keep a safe following distance.
- 5 Don't use cruise control on slippery roads.