Driving in Snow

Snow can make driving on even the simplest road unpredictable and possibly dangerous.

You can't predict how your work vehicle – or other vehicles – will react once it snows.

A few facts:

- Hard-packed snow on a road can be as slippery as ice.
- Snow can be rutted and full of hard tracks and snow 'gullies' that can throw your vehicle off track.
- Wet snow can make for slushy roads. Heavy slush can build up in the wheel wells and affect your ability to steer.
- Slush and spray from other vehicles can cause sudden loss of visibility.

Follow the general rules of driving in snow:

- Before you head out, check road conditions on the radio or visit DriveBC.ca.
- Stick to well-travelled routes. Avoid roads that may become dangerous.
- Sweep snow and ice from all parts of your vehicle – windows, mirrors, lights, wheel wells, and your hood.
- Wait until all windows are fully defrosted before pulling away.
- While driving, be prepared for sudden slush or spray from other vehicles. A smart way to prepare is to reduce your speed. Keep your eyes on the road and your hands on the wheel.
- Give yourself lots of distance between yourself and the vehicle in front – at least 4 seconds following distance.



- When you approach an intersection, really slow down. Just a few inches of packed snow can make stopping a challenge. You want to avoid collisions with other vehicles that might be sliding through the area.
- Be careful when approaching maintenance vehicles such as snowplows, salt or sand trucks. They often spray snow making it tough to see.
- If you're stuck or stranded, follow the company's procedures. Stay with your vehicle for safety and warmth. If you have a cellphone, call for roadside assistance. In an emergency call 911.

Know before you go.

Before heading out:

- Visit DriveBC.ca for current road conditions.
- Visit RoadSafetyAtWork.ca/Winter for tips on ways to prepare yourself, your vehicle, and how to drive safely on winter roads.

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Tailgate meeting record form:

Date:	**Time:**	**Location:**
Supervisor:	**Discussion leader(s):**	
Topic:		
Handouts:		
Discussion:		
Follow-up item:	**Completion date:**	
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Notes:

Tailgate meeting participants:

Name	Signature