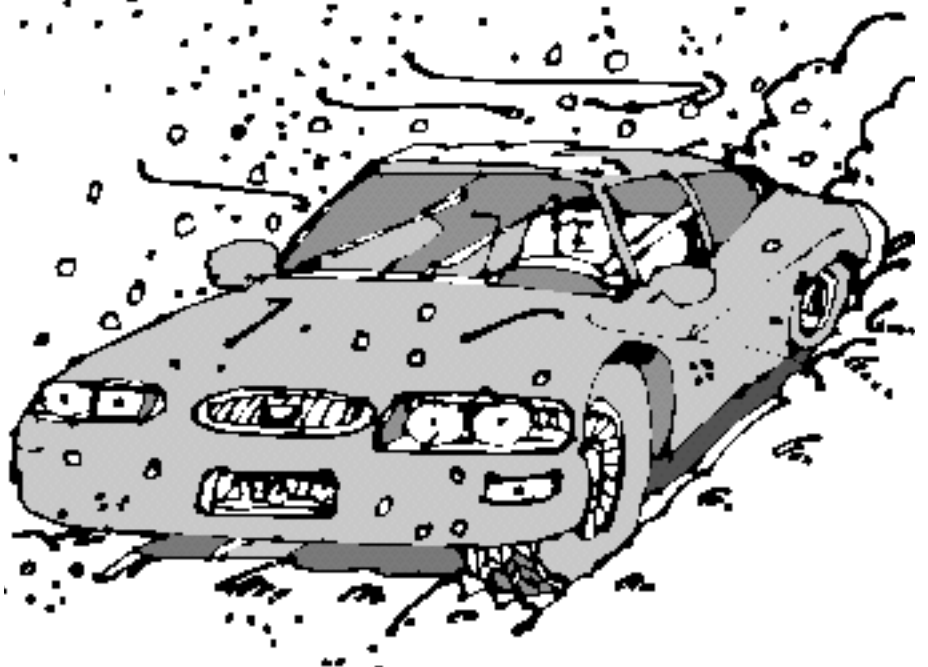


# Be Prepared for Winter Driving

**Keep this Safety Checklist in mind before starting out in ice, snow, or extreme cold.**

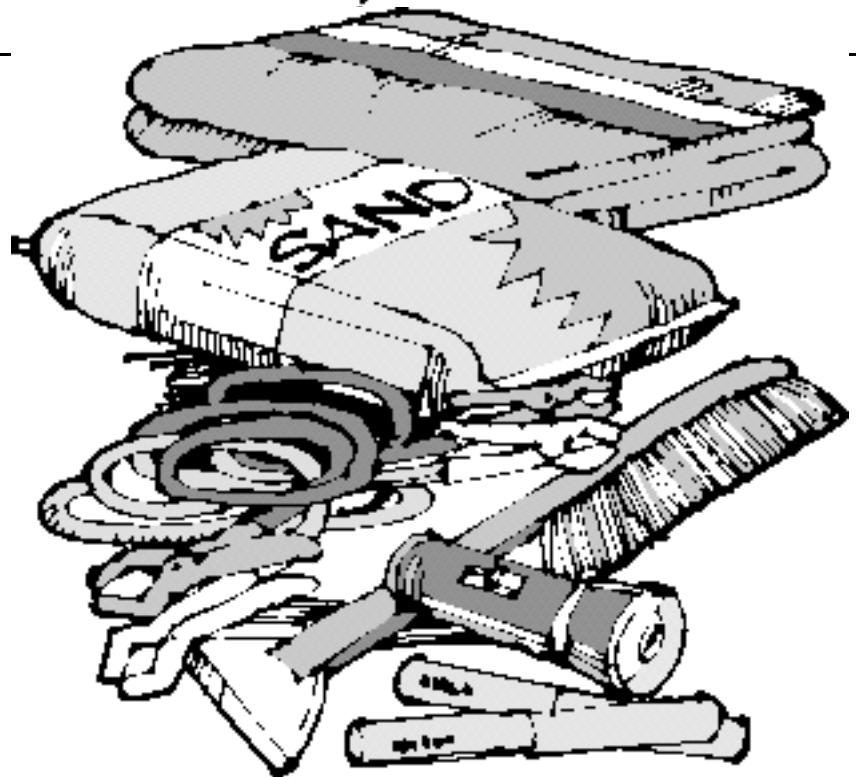
## **Vehicle Condition:**

- Tires are properly inflated
- Tires have sufficient tread
- All lights work
- Windshield wipers work properly; blades are not worn
- Windshield washer works; reservoir is full
- Battery is charged and doesn't need replacement



## **Emergency Equipment:**

- Jumper cables
- Flashlight
- Ice scraper
- Flare
- Blanket
- Shovel
- Sand or something to provide traction



# Do's and Don'ts of Winter Driving

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## Do:

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- **Drive slower** than normal in slippery conditions.
  - **Increase the distance** you would normally keep between your vehicle and other vehicles.
  - **Be prepared for skids** by slowing down early on curves and downhill slopes.
  - **Keep your headlights on**, both to help you see and to help other drivers see you.
  - **Stay alert and well rested**—take breaks if necessary.
  - **Drive defensively**—many drivers become frightened or disoriented in winter conditions, causing them to make unsafe maneuvers.
  - **Wear your seat belt.**
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## Don't:

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- **Try to drive around or through an obvious trouble area**—slow down and be prepared to stop.
  - **Assume** that a four-wheel drive vehicle is "skid-proof"—it isn't.
  - **Don't** let ice or snow accumulate on your windshield, windows, mirrors, or lights.
  - **Mix driving with alcohol.**
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**Don't take unnecessary risks—in extreme conditions, the safest choice is to stay off the road!**