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SAFETY GRAM: WINTER DRIVING

Winter Car Emergency Kit:

- **Warm Clothing/ Blankets**
- **Flashlights**
- **Glass Scraper**
- **Jumper Cables**
- **Water and Nonperishable Snacks**
- **A Bag of Sand/ Salt**
- **Extra Windshield Washer Fluid**
- **Safety Triangles**
- **First Aid Kit**

Colder temperatures don't always mean worse conditions! Roads are most slippery between 22 and 35 degrees Fahrenheit.

Utilizing SPACE effectively will help keep you moving safely this winter!

Tips for Winter Driving

1. **Inspect Your Vehicles**- Whether it's a commercial motor vehicle or your personal car, you should be aware of your fluid levels, your battery's life, tire tread and condition of your wipers.
2. **Know The Forecast**- Be mindful of the forecasts in the areas you will be traveling through. This will help prevent any surprises on your journeys.
3. **Mind Your Speed**- During the winter months, be wary of road conditions. When the roadways get slick, slow down and increase your following distance. Adjusting your speed according to roadway traction can prevent getting caught up in an accident.
4. **Be Smooth**- In the winter, traction is key. Avoid sudden acceleration or braking, tight turns or jerky motions. Slow accelerations and pumping of your brakes will help you maintain control of your vehicle.
5. **Avoid Cruise Control**- Cruise control can slow down your reaction time and should not be used during questionable road conditions.
6. **Know The Terrain**- This is especially important in hilly areas. When going up a hill, try to have some built inertia to help carry you up. Accelerating may only cause your tires to spin. When traveling down a hill, pump your brakes lightly to maintain control. Also remember, bridges and overpasses usually freeze first!
7. **Pack a Bag**- It is wise to always have a Winter Car Emergency Kit!
8. **Be Visible**- If you need to get out of your vehicle for whatever reason, make yourself seen. Utilize safety triangles, turn on lights, or wear high-vis material to prevent being hit by another motorist!