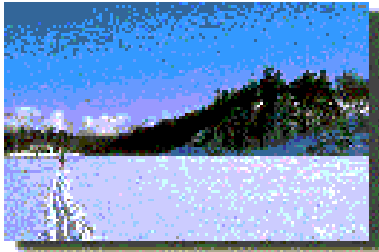




# Safety Tips

A five-minute training series for PCOs.



## Winter Weather

Winter weather is again approaching. With it come changes that can present additional workplace and vehicle hazards. These hazards not only create slippery roads and sidewalks, but also many other risks not present during other months of the year.

In areas where ice and snow are present, you must take extra precautions. These include, but are not limited to:

- \* Driving slower (most winter accidents are due to driving too fast for conditions)
- \* Following at a greater distance than usual
- \* Watching for icy spots on what appear to be dry roads (black ice)
- \* Allowing more time to get to your destination
- \* Taking roads that are more heavily traveled
- \* Using chains or studded tires where required and/or permitted
- \* Allowing your vehicle to warm up, so that all fluid systems are working properly
- \* **PAYING ATTENTION AND STAY FOCUSED ON DRIVING AND AVOID DISTRACTIONS!**
- \* Checking your tires for good tread and proper inflation
- \* Being cautious of other drivers
- \* Watching for pedestrians who may step out from between other vehicles, etc.
- \* Watching your step when entering and leaving your vehicle
- \* Wearing non-skid soled safety shoes (make sure the soles are in good condition - not worn)
- \* Watching for icy walking surfaces and avoid them where possible
- \* Also checking your vehicle's:
  - \* Battery
  - \* Antifreeze
  - \* Thermostat
  - \* Flashing hazard lights
  - \* Heater
  - \* Defroster
  - \* Wipers & Windshield Washer Fluid
  - \* Ignition System
  - \* Lights
  - \* Exhaust system
  - \* Brakes
  - \* Oil Level and proper weight for winter temperatures