

# PestSure Safety Tips

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A five-minute training Series for Pest Management Professionals.

## Driving In The Rain



Driving in the rain presents a challenging condition to drivers. The presence of rain can dramatically increase the potential of being involved in a motor vehicle accident. Casual observations alone reveal a noticeable increase in accidents on the roadway when it is raining.

Recognizing the increased risks and altering your driving practices can help offset the increased exposures resulting from this environmental condition. Specific safe driving tips are noted below:

- ❑ Remember that the stopping ability of any vehicle is reduced on slick pavement, so whenever you're driving on wet road surfaces, reduce speed accordingly and allow at least 50 percent more following distance behind the car in front of you.
- ❑ Maintain a smooth, even acceleration while traveling on slick pavement. Sudden braking can cause loss of vehicle control. Taking your foot off the accelerator quickly can have the same effect as sudden braking.
- ❑ Hydroplaning occurs when standing water on a road surface is deeper than the tread depth of your tires, causing the tires to lose contact with the road. If this happens, do NOT apply the brakes. Ease back on the accelerator until contact between the tires and the road surface is restored. Hard braking can cause the loss of vehicle control.
- ❑ Knowing whether or not your vehicle is equipped with an anti braking system (ABS) is critical in how you respond to braking situations.
  - When stopping a non-ABS equipped vehicle on slippery pavement, pump the brakes lightly and hold the steering wheel firmly. Apply steering only when your foot is off the brake pedal.
  - When stopping an ABS equipped vehicle on slippery pavement, apply pressure and hold the brakes (DO NOT PUMP) and hold the steering wheel firmly. Apply steering as appropriate.
- ❑ Always drive slightly less than the posted speed limit in rainy weather.
- ❑ Stay alert, especially since, in rainy weather, even the slightest mistake or hesitation can lead to a bad accident.

It is always important to drive defensively and stay alert! Remember, on slippery, rainy roads, the mistake the other driver makes can become disastrous for you in a shorter time frame due to the slippery surface conditions.

Stay calm and focused on safe driving rules and techniques.