

Test Your Knowledge - Winter Weather Driving

- 1. If moisture or frost clouds the inside of windows while driving, what should you do? *Stop in a safe area and remove it.* Turn on air conditioning to keep insides of windows clear and dry.
- 2. Should you over inflate or under inflate your tires during cold winter months? Neither. Tires should always be maintained at the level recommended by the manufacturer.
- 3. When heading down a snowy or icy hill, what should you do?

Shift into a lower gear before making your descent and maintain a slow steady speed.

4. What should be included in an emergency winter driving kit?

Small snow shovel, small bag of rock salt, sand or clay cat litter to generate traction, a windshield scraper and brush, flashlight and extra batteries, jumper cables, blankets, tool kit, brightly colored cloth to use as a flag, and a first aid kit.

5. Is it safe to drive with cruise control on when it is raining or snowing?

No. On wet roads, cruise control set at too fast a speed could cause the vehicle to hydroplane when it encounters standing water. On very low-traction surfaces such as ice and snow, cruise control operation can result in a skid or spin.

6. If caught in a snow storm and you have to walk in the street, should you walk in the same direction as the traffic or facing oncoming traffic?

Always walk facing the oncoming traffic.

7. If your car is equipped with anti-lock brakes and you are braking on snow or ice, what should you do?

Apply firm and continuous pressure. If your car does not have anti-lock brakes, you can mimic that effect by pumping the brakes.

8. When approaching a snowy or icy hill, what should you do?

Approach it at a slow speed and maintain that slow speed at a steady rate.

9. When sliding into a skid, it is best to do what?

Turn in the direction of the skid.