



Safety Bulletin: Winter Safety Preventing Driving Hazards and Slips January 2026

Attention: Risk Management, School Site Supervisors, M&O, Warehouse and Food Service Drivers

Cold, wet, and icy winter conditions present unique safety challenges. Taking a few extra precautions can significantly reduce the risk of injury and accidents.

Winter Driving



- Allow extra travel time. Winter conditions can significantly increase travel times. If you are running late, notify others. Do not rush.
- Make sure your cell phone is fully charged before driving in case of delays or emergencies.
- Adjust your speed to road and weather conditions, even if roads appear clear.
- Increase following distance. Allow at least 10 seconds between your vehicle and the one ahead to safely come to a complete stop.
- Use extra caution on bridges, overpasses, and roads with limited sun exposure, as these areas often freeze first and stay slippery.
- Do not activate your cruise control when driving on wet, icy, or slippery roads.
- Check weather conditions along your route and at your destination before traveling. Postpone the trip if conditions are unsafe.
- Drive defensively. Stay alert and assume other drivers may not be exercising the same level of caution. You are responsible for your safety and the safety of your passengers.

Preventing Slips, Trips, and Falls on Wet and Icy Surfaces

- Walk slowly and stay focused on your route of travel. Be aware of changing surface conditions and your surroundings.
- Wear non-slip, well-fitting shoes with flat heels.
- Use handrails when going up or down stairs and ramps.
- Keep your hands free and at your sides, not in your pockets, to help maintain balance.
- If necessary, carry small loads and ensure your line of sight is not obstructed.
- Use designated pedestrian pathways and avoid shortcuts, especially across wet or uneven surfaces.
- Post warning signage and restrict access to hazardous areas when icy or slippery conditions cannot be immediately corrected.
- Report icy or unsafe walking conditions promptly so they can be addressed.



SIA created a short video to help school staff prevent slips, trips, and falls. This video is available to view and share on our [SIA YouTube channel](#).