



## Bad Weather Driving Tips



*As we all know, the weather in Oklahoma can change at any time, so here are a few tips to keep in mind should you face any hazardous driving conditions.*

1. Always be aware of any weather warnings before you drive!
2. Should you find yourself caught in bad weather, listen to radio traffic reports and adjust your travel plans accordingly.
3. Check to make sure that your windshield wipers and windshield washer fluid are working properly.
4. When driving in bad weather, test your brakes to see how long it takes you to safely brake. This will help make you aware if the roads are slick.
5. Leave a window open slightly to keep your windshield from fogging up.
6. **BRAKE GENTLY!!!**
7. Double or triple to driving distance between you and other vehicles. This is very important in wet weather conditions. Depending on road conditions, you will need up to ten times more distance to stop.
8. Don't use cruise control in wet or slippery road conditions. The cruise control may apply more throttle if your wheels begin to slip.
9. When driving on slippery surfaces, any slippery surfaces, gently apply pressure to the accelerator when starting. Should your wheels begin to spin, let off of the accelerator until all traction returns.

**REMEMBER...** If you see a tornado coming your way, **FIND SHELTER IMMEDIATELY!!!** Get out of your vehicle and take cover in a ditch. Remember to always protect your neck and head!

If you are caught in a severe thunderstorm with heavy rain, pull over and **WAIT IT OUT**. You can also attempt to seek shelter under a bridge or an overpass.

**IF YOU FIND YOURSELF SKIDDING**, immediately remove your foot from the accelerator. Ease the steering wheel in the direction you want the front wheels to go. Steer the car to match the direction the rear wheels are skidding. If you have anti-lock brakes, do not pump them!!!