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MEEMIC'S INFORMATION SERIES:

WINTER DRIVING



During the winter, extra precaution should be taken while driving on the road. Keep these driving tips in mind:

- ◆ Keep plenty of distance between you and the other cars on the road. It can take 3 to 10 times farther to stop on icy or snowy roads than on dry pavement.
- ◆ Do everything at a slower pace, including braking, turning and changing speeds.
- ◆ What looks like water on the roadway may actually be black ice. Black ice is an extra thin layer of ice not always visible on the roadway but very slippery. This type of ice condition is likely to form first on bridges and overpasses, at intersections, and in shady spots. To reduce the danger of driving on black ice, drive cautiously, allowing plenty of space between cars. When stopping, allow for longer braking distances.
- ◆ Keep all windows, brake lights and headlights clear of snow and ice.
- ◆ Give sufficient warning time to other drivers when turning, stopping or changing lanes.
- ◆ If you do skid, turn the wheels into the direction of the skid.
- ◆ If your car has antilock brakes (ABS), apply constant, firm pressure to the brake pedal. For vehicles without ABS, pump the brakes slowly and gently to avoid wheel lock-up.
- ◆ Check your passengers—make sure everyone is wearing their seat belt!