

Wet Weather Driving Safety

We drive in wet weather all the time, but are we taking the necessary steps to ensure our safety and the safety of others? Most important of all, SLOW DOWN. Here are some other tips.

- Turn on your lights, even in light rain, so that you can be seen. Keep lenses clean.
- Your wipers must be new enough to remove water from the windshield without streaking. Keep the inside of your windshield clean.
- Your defogger must be powerful enough to keep the windows clear.
- At night, use your low-beam headlights to avoid excessive glare from the raindrops.
- Your tires are critical. If your tires are worn, you may experience hydroplaning, especially at higher speeds or in deep water. Even new tires can hydroplane. Never drive your through deep water on a flooded road.
- Slow down before you encounter a problem, and be aware that you have less grip available. Even four-wheel drive and anti-lock brakes can't change the laws of physics.
- If conditions become too intense, pull far off the road in a safe place to wait out the storm. If your car becomes disabled, pull as far off the road as possible, turn on your four-way flashers and call for help. Stay in your car.