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Motorist Winter Storm Tips

- ✓ **Stay off the Roadways:** Non-essential vehicles should remain off the roadways during a winter storm. Driving conditions can be extremely dangerous, and pose a great risk to motorists.
- ✓ **Vehicle Preparation:** Motorists are reminded to completely clear their vehicles of snow and ice prior to driving, including all lights, for visibility. Clearing vehicles of snow and ice enhances the safety of all motorists by providing an unobstructed view to the operator and prevents snow and ice from flying off vehicles at high speeds and posing a hazard to others on the road. Motorists should also carry a charged cellular phone.
- ✓ **Reduce Speed:** Anticipate delays. Most snow- and ice-related crashes are caused by spin-outs and vehicles sliding off the road because they are traveling at speeds too great for the road and weather conditions. Posted speed limits are set for driving under optimal, dry conditions. If road and weather conditions are adverse, motorists should operate at a speed well below the posted limit.
- ✓ **Leave Extra Space Between Vehicles:** Under optimal driving conditions, motorists should leave at least one car length for every ten miles per hour between them and the vehicle in front of them. If the road and weather conditions are adverse, that distance should be significantly increased in order to afford for increased stopping distances.
- ✓ **Black Ice:** Transparent ice may form on the roadway. If you notice ice forming on any objects, assume that it is forming on the road surface as well. Bridges are usually the first surfaces to freeze. Drive slowly and, if possible, avoid driving on iced-over surfaces.
- ✓ **Buckle Up:** Ensuring everyone in your vehicle is properly restrained is the single most effective thing that motorists can do to keep themselves and their loved ones safe on the roads.
- ✓ **Dial 911 in Roadway Emergencies:** In any weather conditions, motorists who become disabled or encounter an emergency on the roadways should dial 911. Motorists should always be aware of their location, noting the route they are traveling.