

Top Tips For Snow-Smart Driving

Road Safe North East is urging motorists to put Road Safety First this Snow Season! These helpful tips will ensure you enjoy a safe drive to & from Victoria's Ski Resorts...

TOP TIPS FOR SNOW-SMART DRIVING

1. Before the journey starts...

- ~ Check tyres, battery, brakes, cooling system, engine & windscreen
- ~ **Always carry chains & gloves to fit them**, a torch & a garbage bag to avoid wet knees
- ~ Add **Anti-Freeze** to the vehicle's radiator
- ~ Got a **Diesel Vehicle**? Add '**Alpine Diesel**' mix to the fuel tank - available at Alpine Region Service Stations.

2. Ice & snow – take it slow! Avoid sudden braking or acceleration on snow or ice... Allow plenty of room between you & the car in front... If you hit ice, stay calm & break gently, to slowly regain traction...

3. Take corners slowly & steer gently to avoid skidding... Never brake fast if the vehicle skids, instead, ease off the accelerator & steer slightly into the direction of the skid, until you regain control...

4. If stuck in snow, do not spin the wheels or rev the vehicle - this will dig the vehicle further into the snow... Instead, put the vehicle into as high a gear as possible & slowly manoeuvre the vehicle lightly forwards & backwards, then gently manoeuvre the vehicle out...

5. Before Exiting the Mountain...

- ~ **Ice & Snow** – Remove it before you go!
- ~ **Clear ALL snow** from your vehicle before leaving the resort – there's a hefty fine & loss of demerit points for driving with snow on your roof
- ~ Carry an ice-scraper & use the heater & air conditioner
- ~ **Never** Pour Hot Water on Your Windscreen to Remove Snow – it will crack!

6. When Exiting the Mountain...

- ~ Keep headlights on low beam at all times & **Engage Low Gear** as you drive down the mountain
- ~ **Don't** use Cruise Control – It restricts your ability to quickly react to poor road conditions & hazards... If the vehicle skids it will keep accelerating – not a good plan!

7. No puffy ski jackets on kids in car seats PLEASE - A thick jacket can loosen the seat's harness & a baby or child could easily slide out...

8. Keep up to date with current road conditions before & during your trip by visiting www.traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au or by downloading the Vic Traffic App.

Safe & Happy Travels from Road Safe North East.

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