



SLIPPERY WHEN WET!

First Snow or Ice – When the first snow falls, drivers often forget to take it slow. Remember to drive well below the posted speed limit and leave plenty of room between cars.

Black Ice – Roads that seem dry may actually be slippery – and dangerous. Take it slow when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady areas – all are hot spots for black ice. Remember, *Ice and Snow...Take it Slow.*

Limited Visibility – When it snows, visibility is limited, especially at night. Reduce your speed.

DON'T CROWD THE PLOW!

Distance – Give snowplows room to work. The plows are wide and can cross the centerline or shoulder. Don't tailgate and try not to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution and beware of the snow cloud.

Speed – Snowplows travel below the posted speed limit. Be patient. *Ice and Snow...Take it Slow.*

Vision – A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they don't always see you. Keep your distance and watch for sudden stops or turns.



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PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

Speed & Distance – An ODOT winter driving safety report shows large numbers of crashes are due to unsafe speeds and following too closely. Remember, in *Ice and Snow...Take it Slow*.

Brake – Brake early, brake slowly, brake correctly, and never slam on the brakes. If you have anti-lock brakes, press the pedal down firmly and hold it. If you don't have anti-lock brakes, gently pump the pedal. Either way, give yourself plenty of room to stop.

Control – When driving on ice and snow, do not use cruise control and avoid abrupt steering maneuvers. When merging into traffic, take it slow. Sudden movements can cause your vehicle to slide.

Vision – Be aware of what's going on well ahead of you. Actions by other vehicles will alert you to problems more quickly, and give you that split-second of extra time to react safely.

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Knowledge – Before leaving home, find out about the driving conditions by visiting www.BuckeyeTraffic.org. Safe drivers know the weather, and their limits. In bad weather, remember, *Ice and Snow...Take it Slow*, or just don't go.

Clear – Remove any snow on your vehicle's windows, lights, brake lights and signals. Make sure you can see and be seen.

Inspect – Avoid potentially dangerous breakdowns by inspecting your vehicle. Check your tires, wiper blades, fluids, lights, belts, and hoses regularly.

Time – Leave plenty of time to reach your destination safely. It's not worth putting yourself and others in a dangerous situation just to be on time.



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