Driving in winter weather can be a dangerous and frightening experience. Be cautious and follow these tips to stay safe.

SAFE WINTER DRIVING: PREPARE, PROTECT, AND PREVENT

Prepare for the trip
- **Maintain your car**: check battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers.
- Keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.

Protect yourself
- **Buckle up**: the driver and all passengers should be properly secured in their own seats.

Prevent crashes
- Slow down and increase distances between cars.
- Be aware of pedestrians walking in the road.

Use steady pressure on the accelerator, don’t push to floor
Remember that bridges and overpasses freeze first
Brake gently to avoid skidding or sliding
Keep lights and windshield clear of snow & ice
Reduce your speed and leave plenty of distance from other vehicles
Always wear your seatbelt

**You should keep these items in your vehicle in case of an emergency:**
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Blankets
- Cell phone charger
- Emergency flares/reflectors
- Water
- Jumper cables
- Windshield scraper
- Shovel
- Sand or kitty litter