

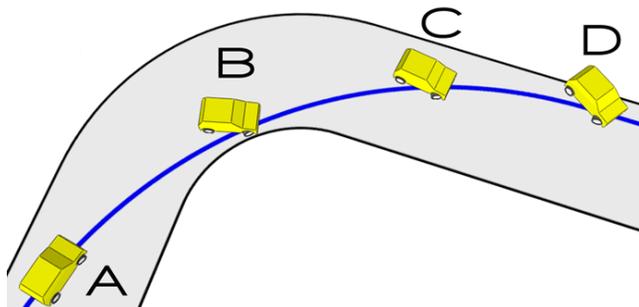
## PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE

- \* Winter tires
- \* Wipers and washer fluid
- \* Heater and defrosters
- \* Properly adjusted brakes
- \* Ensure battery and charging system operates properly

## PACK A WINTER CAR KIT

- \* Booster cables
- \* Two or more blankets
- \* Candles and matches
- \* Snow shovel and scraper
- \* Flashlight and extra batteries
- \* Extra clothing: cap mittens, parka and boots in case you have to walk for help.
- \* High calorie, non-perishable food like candy and canned nuts.
- \* Sand or strips of carpet for traction.
- \* Extra windshield washer fluid and antifreeze.
- \* Flares or reflectors

## COUNTER STEERING; STEER INTO SKID



- A. The car has turned in normally and is aiming towards the apex
- B. The rear wheels have started to lose adhesion, the driver compensates by steering left to keep steering aligned to the desired driving line (counter steering, explained below)
- C. The driver has maintained control of the car and continues to follow the desired line
- D. The car is at the limit of left hand lock, a spin is likely at this stage unless dramatic corrections are made.

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# SAFE WINTER DRIVING



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# ICE AND SNOW, TAKE IT SLOW!

## SAFE WINTER DRIVING TIPS

- \* Use slower acceleration and slower speeds.
- \* Avoid heavy steering and braking.
- \* Allow extra time to reach your destination during inclement weather.
- \* It is not worth putting your own life or the lives of others in danger to save time.
- \* Drive with your headlights on.
- \* Don't get overconfident with four-wheel drive. It won't help you stop any faster.



- \* Winter road conditions often result in longer stopping distances. Give yourself room. 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.

- \* Slow down when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady spots. These all have potential to develop black ice.



- \* Be aware of "black ice" on what appears to be bare pavement.
- \* Avoid abrupt actions while steering, braking or accelerating to lessen your chance of losing control.
- \* Scan farther ahead and behind in traffic. Actions by other drivers will alert you to problems and give you extra reaction time.
- \* Trucks take longer to stop. Don't cut in front of them.
- \* Avoid using cruise control or overdrive. Don't let your car make a bad decision for you.
- \* Travel at a safe distance of at least 3 seconds between vehicles, leaving plenty time to react.

## SNOWPLOW SAFETY!

- \* Use caution when following, passing or approaching snow removal equipment.
- \* Drive a safe distance behind snowplows. Plows often travel slower than other vehicles to remove snow, apply sand and liquid anti-icers and assist stranded vehicles.



- \* Don't crowd the plow. Only pass snow removal vehicles when a safe, legal passing area is available and adequately clear of snow and/or treated with salt and sand. Never pass on the right.
- \* Do not break with unnecessary sudden movements when in front of a snowplow—plows cannot stop as quickly as an automobile.
- \* Remember that a snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you.