



Safe Driving Tips

Driving in Rain and Fog

Did you know?

Inclement weather poses significant challenges for novice teen drivers. Wet roads and fog introduce complexities to driving:

- Driving too fast for the conditions ranks as the second most prevalent factor, while obscured vision caused by weather or other issues holds the tenth position among the leading causes of fatal crashes. (NHTSA)
- Hydroplaning, which occurs when water disrupts the traction between your tires and the road surface, can happen at speeds as low as 30 miles per hour.

Practicing driving in such conditions, when approached correctly, can enhance a student's depth of experience and contribute to their development as safer drivers.

What You Can Do.

We suggest all drivers do the following in adverse weather conditions.

- Reduce your speed – keep in mind that speed limits are designated for ideal conditions.
- Increase your following distance from the usual 3-second gap to 5 seconds or more behind the vehicle ahead of you.
- Brake smoothly, evenly, and early
- Attempt to steer clear of standing water; if it's safe, consider changing lanes.
- Use your low beams to make yourself more visible (day and night) we encourage you to have your teen practice driving in such conditions – but only when you feel it is safe and they are adequately prepared to do so.

Drive Safely!

