

# ROAD PREP FOR WINTER WEATHER

As the temperatures drop, so does your tire pressure. Inspect your tires at least once a month and before road trips. Pay close attention to the tread and sidewalls for any cuts, punctures, or bumps. Do the same for your spare tire.



Maintain your vehicle throughout the year. This includes having your vehicle inspected, checked for general wear and tear, and levels topped off. An especially important item to ensure is operating correctly for the Winter months is the HVAC system.

In 2020, an estimated 119,000 police-reported crashes occurred in wintry conditions.



Always have a plan. Check weather reports. Let others know when you leave.

Batteries lose power in the cold. Have your vehicle's battery and electrical systems checked during your inspection.

Stock your car with an emergency roadside kit, which includes things like an ice scraper, flashlight, jumper cables, warning devices, blankets, an extra cell phone, charger, water, snacks, and whatever else may help you if you get stuck.



You may dress your children in a big winter coat and strap them into the car seat. This could interfere with their secureness to the seat. You can pick thin, warm layers, and put a blanket on top of them for extra warmth.

Information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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