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Winter Driving Tips

Are you a skilled winter driver? Here are some things to keep in mind as the winter driving season is fast approaching...

- Always drive with your headlights on during the winter days, as the sun is typically lower in the sky, or your presence on the road is obscured by falling, blowing, drifting snow or freezing rain?
 - Keep your gas tank at least half full just in case you become stranded on the side of the road?
 - Do you have a flashlight, flares, extra fuses, blanket, booster cables, shovel, scraper or brush in your trunk?
 - Clear your car's body and windows of snow and ice before you start to drive? Or do you hope the defroster does the job by the time you hit the 401?
 - Drive below the speed limit and leave extra space?
- Speed limits are designed for the moderate traffic flow of personal vehicles on clear and dry roads. When you get into an accident due to slippery or snowy road conditions, you may be charged with Careless Driving! Does this sound extreme? If you were driving with "due care and attention" and with "reasonable consideration for other persons using the highway" why couldn't you come to a safe stop?

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