

As weather and road conditions change with the season, following driving safety tips will help keep you safe as you enjoy the beautiful colors of the autumn and the change of seasons.



- * Slow down allowing yourself plenty of room to stop in an emergency.
- * Keep a greater distance between you and the car in front of you.
- * Leaves make it difficult to see potholes and bumps in the road so be cautious.
- * Use caution going around turns and where children are playing and keep your windshield leaf free so you have the best visibility possible.
- * When driving in fog, set your headlight to low beam. This setting aims the beam of light down toward the roadway.
- * In the fall as temperatures drop, frost often forms on the roadway, causing hazardous driving conditions.
- * Fall sunrises and sunsets can be very brilliant. The bright sun often creates a large amount of glare, making it difficult to see other vehicles, the roadway or the road's shoulder. Wearing sunglasses during these times reduces the danger.
- * Deer, Antelope and game animals are more apt to run into the roadway especially at dawn and dusk since the fall is an active breeding time. If you see animals crossing the roadway, proceed very slowly as they often travel in groups.

In the fall there are fewer hours of daylight. In the earlier darkness it is common to see children outside playing or riding their bicycles. People are walking their dogs, jogging or taking late afternoon or evening walks. In the fading light of dusk it is more difficult to see the children and pedestrians.

- * Watch out for children at their bus stops in the morning and as they return home in the afternoon.
- * Halloween is a fun fall holiday. Children are out trick or treating and they may be wearing masks or costumes that limit their visibility.
- * Always drive defensively.

Vehicle Maintenance is extremely important

- * Keep your headlights cleaned and in proper working order, making sure they are aligned.
- * Replace your windshield wiper blades if they show any signs of wear.
- * Keep an emergency car safety kit in your vehicle.

Naturally safe driving practices are essential all through the year. However, being aware of the unique seasonal driving hazards and following the driving safety tips here will make you a safer driver.

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