

# "Know-how" Is The Key To Correcting Icy Skids

Knowing how to use your brakes correctly on slippery winter pavements can help avoid accidents, maintains Keystone Automobile Club.

While winter's slick road surfaces can throw new and additional hazards at drivers, the Club said this is no excuse for many of the types of accidents that keep cropping up.

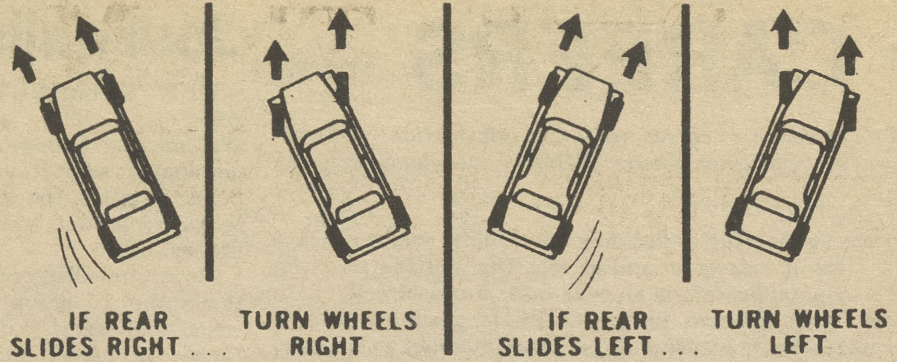
Keystone reminds drivers that it takes five times as far to stop on snow and ice as it does on dry pavement. This means that safety conscious drivers should decrease speed and increase following distances.

Another trick to winter driving is "getting the feel" of the road surface. To do this, carefully accelerate to find out

if your wheels spin and brake gently away from traffic to determine if they skid. Slow down accordingly.

When you have to slow down or stop, you can increase your control of the vehicle by pumping the brakes. During the period when your wheels are rolling, you are able to steer and maintain what is known as rolling traction. However, you cannot steer when your wheels have lost their traction, as is the case in a skid.

Driving maneuvers should be planned well in advance on slippery roads and they should be done slowly and smoothly.



Think ahead - watch for overpasses, underpasses and shady spots that freeze first and melt last. Avoid any sudden maneuvers.

In the event of a skid, which can happen to the best of drivers under winter conditions, the most important rule

is to avoid panic. The driver should take his foot off the gas and steer the car IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SKID. When you feel the car correcting itself, straighten out the wheel. For example, if the rear

end of the car skids to the right, turn the wheel to the right. If the rear skids left, steer left. By observing these winter driving rules, the risk of accidents can be reduced.

## Remember...

On icy surfaces, follow the car in front of you at double the normal distance to avoid a rear-end collision.

## Penna. to Reduce Salt Use on Roads

HARRISBURG (AP) -- The state Transportation Department has announced that it will cut its use of salt and road abrasives by 25 to 30 percent this winter.

PennDOT Secretary Thomas Larson said that he did not expect the economy move to create hazardous driving conditions.

## Dress Appropriately

A strong wind, combined with a temperature slightly below freezing, can have the same effect as a still-air temperature about 35 degrees lower.

To determine how much protection you really need, refer to the wind-chill table below. Remember, at wind-chill equivalent temperatures below -25°F, exposed skin can freeze within one minute.

Wind-Chill Equivalent Temperatures (°F)			
Calm air	At 15 mph	At 30 mph	At 40 mph and over
30	9	- 2	- 6
20	- 5	- 18	- 22
10	-18	- 33	- 38
0	-31	- 49	- 54
-10	-45	- 64	- 70
-20	-58	- 78	- 87
-30	-72	- 93	-101
-40	-85	-109	-116

(Courtesy U.S. Dept. of Energy)

## Surviving the Winter

Winter can be an enjoyable and beautiful season of the year, but we must be aware of its hazards, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Having a comfortable and safe winter is a matter of advanced planning.

The Department has produced a free publication that can help you to prepare for winter and handle most emergencies

the weather many bring.

"Winter Survival - A Consumer's Guide to Winter Preparedness" contains information on winterizing the home, signs and treatment of cold weather exposure, winter driving tips, and more.

For a free copy of the booklet, write: Department of Energy Technical Information Center, P.O. Box 62, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830.

## Winter Driving Checklist

Be prepared for winter driving. Here is a list of some items you should keep in your car: flashlight, ice scraper and brush, cleaning rag, work gloves, small shovel, bag of sand or salt, traction mat, blanket, booster (jumper) cables, flares or safety reflectors.

You may also want to include winter clothing, some change for emergency phone calls, and candy bars or snacks in case you are stranded.

## See Snow? Listen For 495

The Pennsylvania State University  
Delaware County Campus

### EMERGENCY CLOSING OPERATIONS

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WYSP		WWDB-FM

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• If radio code announced is 495—ALL DAY CLASSES ARE CANCELLED.\*

\*make-up day will be scheduled.

• If radio code announced is 6495—Day classes will meet on the ALTERNATE SCHEDULE below:

Period	M-W-F	T-Th
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2nd	10:40-11:40	11:15-12:50
3rd	11:50-12:50	1:00-2:35
4th	1:00-2:00	2:45-4:20
5th	2:10-3:10	4:30-6:05
6th	3:20-4:20	
7th	4:30-5:30	

• If radio announced is 2495—ALL CONTINUING EDUCATION (EVENING) CLASSES ARE CANCELLED.

• If the above numbers are not announced campus will operate normally and all classes will meet on regular schedules.

Offices Are Open on Regular Schedule in All Situations

## Blizzard Creates Baby Boom

The Baltimore area received a record 22-inch snowfall last February, Philadelphia got 14.3 inches and according to hospital delivery rooms in both cities, not everyone shoveled snow.

"Births for the first two weeks of this month are up 95 percent over last year," a spokeswoman for Hahnemann Hospital reported.

The February storm paralyzed most Northeastern cities and their suburbs as snowplow crews tried to dig out the stranded.

"We are indeed inundated with deliveries," said Joan Schnipper of Baltimore City Hospital.

"Doctors and nurses here have arrived at the conclusion these babies were conceived during the blizzard (Feb. 19-20)," she added.

Gina Derry whose baby was born Tuesday concurred.

"Well, actually my husband (Bruce) had just come home from work and he wanted to go out to eat and we couldn't and... I don't think we have to explain it any further," she said smiling, while 10-pound, 5-ounce Michael Patrick Derry cooed nearby.

## Salt Talks



(Photo by Fred Mason)

Maintenance crew members discuss the campus' allocation of highway salt for the winter. The crew has 40,000 pounds of the stuff on hand to combat snow and ice.

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