

A large orange and yellow diamond-shaped sign with the text "ICE & SNOW TAKE IT SLOW" in bold black letters. The words "ICE & SNOW" are stylized with white snowflakes on top.

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**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

## **BEFORE YOU HIT THE ROAD . . .**

**Check your vehicle** — Make certain your truck has been examined and repaired under a 396.11 driver vehicle inspection report following its last run. All braking systems should be functioning, and tires should have sufficient treads.

**Check your fuel supply** — At least half-a-tank is recommended while on a run.

**Check your visibility** — Clean all ice and snow from your windows, mirrors, lights and roof before you begin - or restart - your trip.

**Check your travel plan** — Know your routes and learn the expected road conditions. Allow yourself additional time to reach your destination. For helpful information on weather and road conditions, go online to [www.BuckeyeTraffic.org](http://www.BuckeyeTraffic.org).

## **DON'T CROWD THE PLOW!**

**Be alert** — Always be on the lookout for the flashing amber lights on snowplows. Give plow drivers room to work: Watch for sudden stops or turns and use extreme caution if you must pass.

**Watch your speed** — Snowplows travel below the posted speed limit; be patient when sharing the road. Remember, *Ice and Snow... Take it Slow.*

**Keep your distance** — Snowplows sometimes work in tandem, following each other on the highway at close distances. Never try to pass between two plows.



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## DRIVING IN ICE AND SNOW

**Smooth starts** – Slow, easy starts can help your vehicle get a grip on the ice and eliminate many problems during winter driving.

**Speed awareness** – Expect others to drive more slowly than you during winter months. Share the road respectfully, and adjust your speed to current driving conditions.

**Braking** – Brake early, slowly, and correctly. In winter weather, required stopping distances can increase anywhere from three to 12 times normal. Always give yourself room for smooth, safe stops. Anti-lock brakes require pressing the pedal firmly and holding it. Otherwise, pump the pedal gently. Never slam on the brakes.

**Control** – Use extra caution when changing lanes. Wet road surfaces and black ice – a slick film of transparent ice that is difficult to see – can present unexpected hazards. Safe defensive driving skills can help prevent jackknifes and crashes.

**Signs** – Pay attention to messages on electronic highway advisory signs.

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Ohio winter travel information can be found 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at [www.BuckeyeTraffic.org](http://www.BuckeyeTraffic.org). The site has weather alerts, real-time traffic cameras, driving conditions, road closures, and reports on traffic conditions and incidents. Before hitting the road, make sure you know the facts, and remember, **Ice and Snow... Take it Slow.**



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