

In Winter

**ADAPT**

**YOUR  
DRIVING**

Increase your  
safety and that of  
others, and avoid  
penalties.

Québec 



Winter can be full of surprises.  
Weather and road conditions vary  
and can be unpredictable.

**Make sure the odds are  
in your favour!**

## HOW?

### Once cold weather arrives:

- Give your vehicle a complete tune-up.
- From December 1 to March 15, equip your vehicle with four winter tires that meet established standards and are in good condition.
- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle for unexpected events (for example: jumper cables, shovel, flashlight, blanket, matches and candles).

## BEFORE HITTING THE ROAD

- Check the weather and roadway conditions with Québec 511.
- If in doubt, reschedule your trip.
- Completely remove all snow and ice from your vehicle.
- Completely clear your exhaust pipe.

## ON THE ROAD

- Slow down and keep your distance.
- Watch out for icy roads—especially black ice!
- Turn on your low beams when it's dark out.
- Be patient around snow removal vehicles.

## PENALTIES

### Failing to adapt your driving to weather and road conditions

- \$60, plus costs;
- 2 demerit points.

### Driving a vehicle covered with snow, ice or anything else that may detach from the vehicle

- \$60 to \$100, plus costs.

### Failing to obey the order of a peace officer to clear your windshield and windows of anything (snow, ice, etc.) that reduces your ability to see

- \$100 to \$200, plus costs.

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au cœur de votre sécurité

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