In Winter

ADAPTE YOUR DRIVING

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