

Winter Driving Safety Tips

With the winter season upon us, defensive driving is a must to avoid a vehicle crash. Please keep the following safety driving tips in mind while mastering icy road conditions:

- **Clean all vehicle windows of snow and ice, so that your view is not obstructed.**
- **Prepare to leave home earlier to safely reach your destination. Driving quickly or speeding could cause a crash resulting in injury and further delay your arrival.**
- **When traveling, always leave plenty of distance between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. This will allow you to control and stop your vehicle in time to avoid a rear end collection.**
- **Carry a winter driving kit in your vehicle. If your vehicle breaks down, you will stay warm with blankets, hats and gloves. Also include flares, and place them behind your vehicle. The flares will warn other motorists, and will reduce the chance of being rear ended in a crash.**
- **If you are involved in a crash, if possible move your vehicle to the side of the road and call police. This maneuver is safer than remaining in the roadway as other motorist may not see you.**

If you would like further information on driving tips contact the Oak Brook Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 630-368-8734 or 630-368-8733.