

# Why Slow Down?

Why slow down? Did you know that "unsafe speed for conditions" is the primary cause for the vast majority of wet weather traffic collisions? We'd like to provide all drivers with a few safety tips for wet weather driving.



### Driving Safety Tips – Wet Weather Driving Conditions

First and foremost: **SPEED**. <u>Slow down</u>, and leave plenty of space between you and the car in front of you. Allow more distance for stopping at intersections. Drive slowly on curves and while turning.

#### **Power Outages**

Follow these safety tips during power outages where street lights may be affected.

• When signals are out, stop at all intersections, then proceed with caution. Treat the intersection as if it had stop signs in all directions. Remember, the vehicle on the right has the right of way.

- When the lights are flashing red, treat the intersection as if it had stop signs.
- Watch for, and obey, law enforcement officers who are directing traffic.
- If you pull off the roadway use your emergency flashers to alert approaching traffic.
- Watch out for pedestrians as the roads are darkened during power outages.

#### **Check your windshield Wipers and Defrosters**

- Inspect your wiper blades and make sure they're working properly. Replace worn out wiper blades.
- Check to see if your window defrosters are working properly (front and rear). Learn about the settings on your heater/defroster.

#### **Inspect your Tires**

• Check the tire tread, and if tires are bald, replace them.

• Check tire pressure and make sure the tires are at the recommended inflation pressure as indicated on the side walls of the tire. <u>Tire pressure is directly related to hydroplane speed</u>.

#### **Check Lighting Equipment**

• Inspect all lights on the vehicle as they are very important for your safety. Inspect brake lamps, headlamps, as well as fog lamps. In foggy conditions, lighting plays a major role in preventing accidents.

#### Items to have in the car during the rainy season

Cell phone First Aid Kit

Jumper Cables

Flashlight

Blanket

Umbrella and/or poncho

Watch your speed in the rain, keep a safe distance between you and the car in front of you, and always remember to Buckle Up!

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