

6 SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVING

in the Fall

Tip #1

Be aware of changing light patterns during shorter fall days.

- Keep a pair of sunglasses in your car.
- Keep your windshield clean.
- Be careful driving in neighborhoods during dusk or dawn hours.
- At night, the glare of approaching headlights can be blinding. Do not wear sunglasses and avoid looking into the lights of oncoming traffic.

Tip #2

Slow down for leaves, which can make roads hazardous.

- Clean leaves off your windshield.
- When driving on roads with leaves, slow down.
- Give yourself plenty of distance between you and the car ahead.
- Be aware that some drivers will have their eyes on the colorful fall foliage, rather than focusing on the road.
- Never drive through a leaf pile.
- Do not park over a pile of leaves, it could create a fire hazard.

Tip #3

Take care to see, and be seen, in fog.

- Keep your headlights on, even during the daytime. Use fog lights if you have them.
- Avoid using your high beams.
- Keep moving at a safe speed, but put lots of distance between yourself and other drivers.
- Reduce distractions so you can focus.
- Use your windshield wipers and defroster to keep your glass clear.
- If you need to, pull over to a safe spot. You will want to turn off your lights. In a fog, other drivers may see lights and think you are in a traffic lane.

Tip #4

Slow down on bridges and overpasses.

- Warm up your car and clear away any frost on your windshield and windows.
- Slow down on bridges, overpasses, and shaded areas. They can freeze before roads.
- Be aware of black ice.

Tip #5

Be alert for deer at dawn & dusk.

- Be watchful of side of the road movement during these times.
- If you see one cross the road, chances are there are others following.
- If you see a deer, avoid swerving. Try to come to a controlled stop and wait for the animal to pass by.

Tip #6

Make sure your vehicle is in good working order.

- Check your vehicle's headlights, turn signals and tail lights.
- Check your car's wipers and replace the blades if needed.
- Check your car's heating system to make sure it's working.
- Make sure your tires have enough tread and are inflated.
- Use your windshield wipers and defroster to keep your glass clear.
- Finally, make sure you have the proper car insurance. Coverage will give you peace of mind should anything happen.

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