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Ways to check the weather

- Go to the following website:
<https://www.safetravelusa.com/sd/>
- Call 511 or Fleet & Travel @ 773.3162
- Listen to your local weather station
- Watch your local weather channel
- Call ahead & check on conditions where you are heading; confirm travel is still necessary

Cancelled or extending your travel

Call Fleet & Travel at
773.3162 or 1.800.543.2372



AAA recommendations for Winter driving

Avoid driving when you're fatigued. Make sure your vehicle is in full operating conditions, if you are concerned or need a work order call Fleet & Travel. Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up. Do not use cruise control when driving on slippery surfaces, examples include wet, ice, sand. **USE YOUR SEATBELT EVERY TIME!**

TIPS FOR LONG DISTANCE winter trips:

- Watch weather reports; let others know your route, destination, and estimated time of arrival
- Carry a winter survival kit; Fleet & Travel does not provide for this but most departments do, check with your department.
- If you become snow-bound, stay with your vehicle. It provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you. **DON'T** try to walk in a **SEVERE STORM**. It's easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and become lost.
- Don't over exert yourself if you try to push or dig your vehicle out.

TIPS FOR DRIVING in the snow:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry.
 - Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold breaking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate: If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.

DO NOT TRAVEL when no travel is advised or when roads are closed .