

Winter Holiday Season Driving Safety Toolbox Talk



As we approach the winter holiday season, it's essential to be extra cautious while driving. This time of year, brings unique challenges on the roads, including icy conditions, shorter daylight hours, and increased holiday traffic.

Key Points to Discuss:

Winter Weather Preparedness:

Ensure your vehicle is winter-ready. This includes checking the battery, antifreeze levels, heaters, brakes, and ensuring the tires are suitable for winter conditions (e.g., snow tires).

Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle that includes items like a blanket, flashlight, first-aid kit, and some non-perishable food items.

Driving in Snow and Ice:

Reduce speed and maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you. It takes longer to stop on slippery roads.

If you start to skid, remain calm, gently steer in the direction you want to go, and avoid slamming on the brakes.

Visibility and Lighting:

Ensure all lights on your vehicle are functioning correctly for optimal visibility.

Keep your windshield and lights clean to improve visibility.

Dealing with Fatigue:

The holiday season can be hectic. Ensure you are well-rested before driving and take breaks if you're on a long journey.

Alcohol and Driving:

The holiday season often involves celebrations. Never drink and drive. Plan for a designated driver or use public transportation if you intend to consume alcohol.

Planning Your Journey:

Check weather reports and traffic conditions before you travel. If conditions are bad, consider if your journey is necessary or if it can be postponed.

Allow extra time for your journey and inform someone of your travel plans.

Discussion:

Open the floor for any personal experiences, suggestions, or concerns related to winter driving.

Conclusion:

Safety is our top priority, not just at work but also on the road. Let's commit to driving safely and responsibly this holiday season. Remember, the decisions you make behind the wheel not only affect you but others on the road as well.

Stay Safe and Happy Holidays!

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Safety Meeting Sign-Off Sheet

Date:

Job Name:

Competent Person Name:

Competent Person Signature:

Topic: Winter Driving Safety

Attendees:	