

Skids

Certain roadway conditions such as wet roads, ice and packed snow are more likely to cause skids.

To avoid skidding when driving with these roadway conditions:

- Reduce speed gradually;
- Engage your anti-lock braking system using firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal. Do not PUMP anti-lock brakes. If you do not have anti-lock brakes, you should pump the brakes gently to slow the vehicle.

If you find yourself in a skid:

- Ease your foot off the accelerator;
- Turn the steering wheel in the direction the rear of the vehicle is skidding; and
- As soon as the vehicle's path begins to straighten, turn the steering wheel back the other way so you will not over-steer.

Crashes

If a crash seems likely:

- Sound the horn;
- Keep to the right;
- Turn away from oncoming traffic, even if you must leave the road; and/or
- Drive off the road, into an open field if possible.

If you are about to be hit from the rear, and there are no vehicles in front of you:

- Press the accelerator and move away as quickly as possible;
- Be ready to apply your brakes if there is no room to move;
- Brace yourself between the steering wheel and the seat; and
- Press the back of your head firmly against the head rest.

If you are about to be hit:

- Keep a tight grip on the steering wheel; and
- Prepare to turn fast so that you can try to control the vehicle.
- If all else fails, use your arms and hands to protect your face from breaking glass.

In the event you are involved in a crash:

- You must stop the vehicle immediately. If you do not stop, you have violated the law;
- Take precautions to prevent further crashes at the scene;
- Do whatever you can to help those who have been injured;
- Try to ensure that someone informs a law enforcement officer immediately; and
- If the crash occurred on a main lane, ramp, shoulder, median or adjacent area of the highway and there are no injuries or fatalities, each vehicle should be moved out of the travel lane onto the shoulder of the road provided it can be driven safely under its own power and without causing further damage to the vehicle,