

Avoid pitfalls of winter driving

Driving in winter can be dangerous for the unprepared motorist. Little daylight, icy, snowy streets and automobiles that require more attention in the winter months can all spell trouble. But with a little care, caution and foresight, a driver can avoid these pit-

falls simply by following these suggestions from the Michigan Road Builders Association.

CAR CARE

- Check the antifreeze. Make sure it is clean and free from rust.
- Check the heater and radiator hoses and connections. Look especially for telltale bulges which indicate weakening.
- Check the fan belt system to make sure belts are tight and sturdy.
- Check headlamp lenses.
- Check the tires for proper inflation and signs of dangerous wear. Do not lower tire pressure. This reduces control without increased traction.
- Check the exhaust system for leaks. This is vital during the winter when car windows are closed and fumes can build up inside the vehicle.
- Check battery terminals for corrosion.
- Check wiper blades and make sure windshield washer solution has antifreeze in it.
- Make sure the car has emergency equipment, such as a window scraper, snow brush, flashlight, flares, shovel, first aid kit, reinforced tire chains and sand or traction mats.
- Put snow tires on your car. If you don't, check the tread wear of your regular tires.
- Keep the gas tank filled to avoid fuel-line freezing.
- If you have a garage, park it with its back to the prevailing winds, and its hood against a building. A blanket over the hood will help keep the engine warm.

the rest of the pavement is clear. Snow and ice melt more slowly in shady areas.

- Slow down before going into turns or curves. On icy curves, traction may sometimes be improved by using the shoulder.
- If you skid, stay calm. Don't use brakes. Concentrate on steering out of trouble. If you are in danger of hitting something, pump your brakes lightly.
- To steer out of a skid, take your foot off the gas pedal. Turn your front wheels only enough to keep them pointed in the direction you want to go — and no farther. If the rear of your car is skidding to the right, turn the front wheels for a skid to the left. Your car may now start to skid the other way. Again, turn your wheels to bring your car under control.
- If your wheels start to spin on snow or ice, rock the car forward and backward. If you dig yourself a pocket, use sand or traction to get out. Keep the front wheels pointed straight ahead when possible.
- On snow and ice, leave yourself an option when you park. On a downhill slope, leave ample space in front of your car so you can pull out without backing up. Avoid parking on an upgrade unless there is ample room to back out.
- Slow down when going over and then starting down the crest of a hill. Put the car in second gear or low range and pump the brakes to keep the speed down. Avoid using the low gear because this makes the rear wheels skid.

The Michigan Road Builders Association is a Lansing based trade association representing the state's 145 highway, bridge, tunnel and airport contractors. Member firms employ more than 27,000 persons and have construction equipment and facilities valued at \$370 million.

DRIVING

- It takes three times longer to stop on ice as it does on dry concrete.
- Be especially wary on days when the temperature rises to 32 degrees. Stopping distance on ice are then twice as great as they are at zero.
- Treacherous, invisible slick spots form at 32 degrees.
- Watch for danger spots. Ice may form on or under bridges, even when

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PRIVATE MARVIN P. DONCOUSE, son of Marsha L. Woolery of 10 Mile Road, Farmington and Martin Donouse of Hooper, Utah is attending basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

During the training, students receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

PRIVATE SHAWN S. CARTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cortonello of Powers Road, Farmington Hills, recently completed training as a cannoner under the One Station Unit Training (OSUT) Program at the U.S. Army Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla.

OSUT is a 13-week period which combines basic combat training with advanced individual training. Students learned the duties of a howitzer or gun-section crewman and received instruction in handling ammunition, setting fuses and preparing charges, communications and maintenance.

STEVEN F. SCHLEMBACH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schlembach of Huntleigh Drive, Farmington, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

Airman Schlembach is an avionics communications specialist at Hahn Air Base, West Germany.

ROBERT C. LUEDER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Lueder of Alameda Road, Farmington Hills, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of senior airman.

Airman Lueder is an aircraft electrician at Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

PRIVATE PATRICK M. SHIVNEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shivnen of Gill Road, Farmington is attending basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

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