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BE WINTER READY



As the busy season comes to an end and the weather starts to cool off, we need to be winter ready, winter presents unique challenges due to the cold weather and potential hazards. Here are some important considerations:

1. **Dress Warmly**: Being exposed to the cold for extended periods can lead to issues like hypothermia and frostbite. Ensure that you wear appropriate winter clothing. Layers are essential to regulate body temperature.



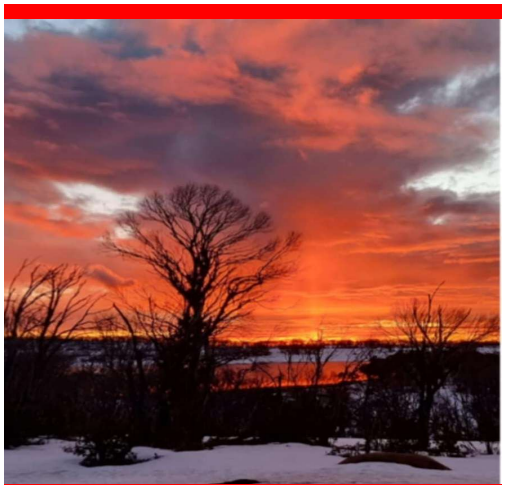
2. **Visibility and Safety Gear**: In wintry conditions, visibility is crucial. High-visibility clothing with reflective elements helps ensure that workers are easily seen by motorists. Ensure you are wearing the correct winter PPE.

3. **Traffic Control Plans**: Implement traffic control plans in accordance with the work zone traffic management plan. This includes directing traffic, setting up barricades, and managing lane shifts. Be extra vigilant during winter, as lane shifts may be less visible due to snow or low light conditions.



4. **Winter Driving Awareness**: Winter means more fog, ice rain and snow on the roads in the alpine areas. So remember to plan ahead and be prepared by allowing more time for travel, and drive to the conditions.

Remember safety is paramount, especially during challenging weather conditions. Stay warm, stay visible, and follow proper procedure to ensure the wellbeing of traffic control workers and the safety of everyone on the road. 🚧

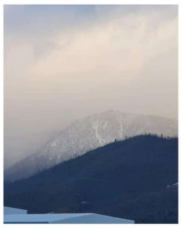


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Diving in Winter Conditions







Certainly! Driving during winter in Australia can be challenging due to extreme weather conditions. Here are some essential **winter driving tips** to help you stay safe on the roads:

1. **Maintain Safe Distance and Adjust Speed**:
   - Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you. It takes twice as much distance to stop on wet roads.
   - Reduce your speed and accelerate smoothly. Wet and greasy roads can cause your vehicle to slip and slide.
2. **Visibility and Lights**:
   - Turn on your vehicle headlights to increase visibility for other road users.
   - In foggy or snowy conditions, use fog lights instead of high beams. If your car doesn't have fog lights, use hazard lights with low beam headlights.
3. **Check Weather and Plan Ahead**:
   - Monitor weather forecasts and avoid unnecessary travel during heavy rain, hail, or sleet.
   - If visibility decreases, find a safe spot to pull over.
4. **Vehicle Maintenance**:
   - Always check your vehicle's safety equipment, including tires, windscreen wipers, battery, lights, and brakes.
   - Wet conditions are particularly hard on vehicles, so proper maintenance is crucial.
5. **Black Ice Awareness**:
   - Black ice is invisible and forms at night or early mornings on shaded road sections or under tree cover.
   - Minimize risk by checking for black ice warnings and delaying your trip if possible.
   - Use a car equipped with Electronic Stability Control (ESC) if available.
   - Allow extra room between your vehicle and the one in front, as braking takes longer on icy roads.
6. **What to Do if You Hit Black Ice**:
   - Remain calm and avoid sudden movements.
   - Use the accelerator, brakes, and steering as little as possible until you clear the icy patch.
   - Struggling against the ice increases the risk of spinning out.

Remember, driving in winter conditions requires extra caution and patience. Stay informed, be prepared, and prioritize safety on the roads.

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