Reduce Speed

1. When it snows, use your head not your feet. Slow down for wet, snowy, or icy conditions; when visibility is poor; or when conditions are changing or unpredictable. Don’t turn your vehicle into an ‘off-road vehicle’ by driving too fast for conditions.

2. Avoid excessive actions while steering, braking or accelerating to lessen the chances of losing control of the vehicle.

3. Slow down when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady spots. These are all candidates for developing black ice—a thin coating of clear ice that can form on the pavement surface that may be difficult to see.

4. Drivers should allow additional room between their vehicles and others. Winter road conditions often result in longer stopping distances.

5. Don’t take chances when pulling out in front of approaching vehicles. Remember, they may not be able to slow down and you may not be able to accelerate as quickly as on dry pavement.

6. Avoid using cruise control in winter driving conditions. You need to be in control of when your vehicle accelerates based on road conditions- don’t let the cruise control make a bad decision for you.