



SAFE WORK PRACTICE

TITLE	Driving (Winter)
GENERAL	Protecting workers from injuries associated with winter driving
APPLICATION	Operation of motor vehicles must be performed according to all vehicle codes, traffic laws, company procedures, and manufacturer's recommended operating guidelines.
PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS	Safe work procedure Highway Safety Act Company Rules Manufacturers Recommendations
SELECTION AND USE	As per safe work procedure Company Rules Manufacturers Recommendations
SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY	To facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements and training Compliance Enforcement
WORKER RESPONSIBILITY	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ensure you have a valid operators licence.2. Be conversant with traffic laws and applicable regulations.3. Drive defensively.4. Back in when practical.5. Ensure the vehicle has an emergency road kit.6. Clear snow from all windows, lights and mirrors, when required.7. Avoid using cruise control on icy roads.8. Accelerate and brake gently to reduce skids or spinouts.9. Ensure winter clothing does not restrict movement, vision or hearing.10. Ensure fuel tank is full when possible.11. Ensure you are familiar with the installation of snow chains, if applicable.12. Monitor weather reports, road conditions.13. Do not operate a cell phone while driving.14. Refer to <i>Working Alone</i> procedure when driving in isolated areas.

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