

WINTER SAFETY

ICE AND SNOW - REMOVE IT BEFORE YOU GO!

Remember to remove all ice and snow from your vehicle before driving, especially from the hood, windows and roof. It's the law in New Jersey. Motorists who fail to do so face fines of \$25 to \$75 for each offense, regardless of whether the ice or snow causes property damage or injury to others, motorists face fines of \$200 to \$1,000 for each offense.



Fred really should have taken the time clear the snow on his windshield.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

- ◆ Drive slow (at or below the posted speed limit) and adjust your speed for the changing road conditions
- ◆ Turn on your headlights, using low beams when travelling in snow
- ◆ Increase your following distance. In winter weather, travel at least 8 to 10 seconds behind the car in front of you
- ◆ Give snowplows plenty of room to work. Don't tailgate and try not to pass, take extreme caution in doing so. Remember, a snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see him, but they don't always see you.
- ◆ If you skid, don't brake or accelerate. Remove your foot from the gas, and gently steer your car in the direction of the skid (the direction the rear of your vehicle is sliding.) When your car starts heading in the desired direction, carefully straighten the wheel.
- ◆ Slow down before exiting the highway. Exit ramps often have icy patches, sharp curves and stalled or stopped vehicles.
- ◆ Beware of "black ice." It often appears to be water, but it's ice.

For more information on winter driving go to <http://www.nj.gov/oag/hts/ice-and-snow.html>