

# Did You Know...

## THESE COMMON WINTER-DRIVING MISTAKES

Driving in winter months takes some careful consideration and preparation. Mechanics, insurance companies, and police advisories are just some resources that can provide guidance on what steps need to be taken to ensure your vehicle is “winter ready”. Even with all the resources, some drivers may still be making these common winter driving mistakes.

### Using all-season tires instead of winter tires

Winter tires are designed to perform on wet, cold, snow-covered and icy surfaces by provided undress of extra biting edges for better traction and staying soft in frigid temperatures. All-seasons don't offer security in the winter due to their inability to maintain road contact in cold weather.

### Driving without adequate ride control

Ride control is crucial for your vehicle's stability. Excessive bounce or vibration while driving may mean that your suspension system is due for a tune-up. To help ensure you have full control of your vehicle, avoid expensive repairs and keep your passengers safe, consider preventative maintenance.

### Depending on four-wheel drive

Vehicles equipped with four-wheel drive tend to be better at navigating in winter conditions. That said, four-wheel drive is no match for icy patches that can cause your vehicle to skid and shouldn't be depended on when driving fast. Traction is all in the tires, so during the winter months, it's best to invest in winter tires and to slow down.

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