

## Did You Know...

## WINTER DRIVING TIPS: SKIDDING

Even careful and experienced drivers can skid, so be prepared. Skidding can be caused by panic braking when you 're trying to avoid an obstacle on the road. To reduce skidding in bad weather, you should:

- Slow down. Allow extra travel time and be very careful when you brake, change lanes, make turns, and take curves.
- Put more distance between you and the vehicle in front of you.
- Avoid forceful braking or sudden, jerking movement of the wheel.
- Read the owner's manual to learn about your vehicle's braking system and tire traction.

If the Electronic Stability Control (ESC) comes on, this means your vehicle is trying to prevent skidding and loss of control. Slow down and drive more cautiously. When the vehicle begins to skid, ESC applies the brakes to one or more wheels, or reduces the engine power, or both, to help keep the vehicle under control. If you get stuck, turn off your ESC.

