

# snow

## CHAIN REQUIREMENTS

**"R"** ratings on snowy roads indicate chain requirements for various conditions.

Most vehicles come equipped with snow tires. Look for M&S (mud and snow), All-Season, or All-Terrain on side of tire.

**R-1** chains required except for vehicles with snow tires (chains required for any vehicle pulling a trailer)

**R-2** chains required except for 4-wheel drive with snow tires

**R-3** chains required for all vehicles

## CHAIN INSTALLATION SERVICES

Chain installers are not state employees. They are licensed workers required to display a permit on their jacket. Fees must be posted and a receipt given for payment. Chain installers are not permitted to sell chains.

## CHAINING UP

- Move out of vehicle lanes.
- Park off roadways, freeways, and access ramps.
- Park out of path of snow removal equipment.
- Install chains on vehicle drive tires.

Additional information regarding chain requirements in California may be found on the Internet at: [www.dot.ca.gov](http://www.dot.ca.gov)

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## BAD WEATHER?

- Slow down
- Allow extra time
- Leave extra distance between you and the car ahead
- Gently apply brakes to avoid skids
- Open window a crack if caught in stalled traffic to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning

## BAD WEATHER CHECKLIST:

- Tires with plenty of tread
- Windshield wipers in good condition
- Washer full of fluid
- Gas tank full
- Defroster working
- Muffler and exhaust in good condition
- Antifreeze in radiator

## CARRY:

- Tire chains and tighteners
- Flashlight and batteries
- Flares
- Small shovel
- Windshield scraper
- Warm, waterproof clothing
- Blankets, snacks, and drinking water

## CALL AHEAD FOR ROAD CONDITIONS

California road information from California telephones  
**1-800-427-7623 (ROAD)**

California road information from outside California  
**1-916-445-1534**

Nevada road information  
**1-877-687-6237**

Updated weather info also is available on the Internet:  
**[www.chp.ca.gov](http://www.chp.ca.gov) • [www.dot.ca.gov](http://www.dot.ca.gov)**



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- Drive with headlights on.
- Stay alert for vehicle hydroplaning.
- Apply brakes more slowly; they may pull.
- Leave extra distance between your car and the next motorist.



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- Drive with lights on LOW beam. It is illegal to drive with parking lights on.
- Watch for California Highway Patrol pace vehicles to guide you through fog.
- Avoid crossing traffic lanes.
- Do not stop on highways except in emergencies.
- Move away from stalled or disabled vehicle.
- Consider postponing trip until fog clears.



***Be aware,  
smoke and  
dust are  
as deadly  
as fog.***



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- Carry chains in snow conditions, even if vehicle has 4-wheel drive. It's the law.
- Observe speed limit in chain control areas –22363CVC states, The speed limit when chains are required is either 25, 30, 35 or 40 miles per hour, based on conditions.
- Check owner's manual for operating tips on your vehicle's braking system.
- Watch for paddle-shaped markers-they show the road's edge.
- Studded pneumatic tires may only be used between November 1st and April 31st, unless the studs are retracted.
- Stay with your vehicle if you break down.

