Rain, Fog and Snow

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

California road info from outside California
1-916-445-1534

Nevada road info
1-702-793-1313

Updated weather info also is available on the Internet:
www.chp.ca.gov
www.dot.ca.gov

Rain

- 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.

Fog

- Drive with lights on LOW beam. *(It is illegal to drive with parking lights on.)*
- Watch for CHP pace vehicles to guide you through fog.
- Avoid crossing traffic lanes.
- Don't 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.

Snow

- Carry chains in snow conditions, even if vehicle has 4-wheel drive. It's the law.
- Observe speed limit in chain control areas--25 mph on two-lane roads and 30 mph on multi-lane roads.
- 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 tires may be used between November 1 and April 30 only.
- Stay with your vehicle if you break down.

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