



RISK REMINDER

Mid-West Truckers Risk Management Association

Spring Brings New Driving Hazards

Winter may be most known for its treacherous driving conditions, but spring also can be a difficult season and rain to wildlife emerging from hibernation, spring driving can be challenging in its own right.

Beware of potholes

Winter often leaves its mark by creating or enlarging potholes in the road, which are no friend to your car or for these unexpected obstacles, and drive around them if safe to do so.

Construction Zones

Spring is often the time when road work begins or resumes, so expect construction. For everyone's safety, slow down when approaching construction zones and be prepared to stop. Obey all signs and workers who are on the road.

Farm Equipment

When sharing the road with farm equipment remember to slow down, watch for signals, allow for slow turns, and be prepared to stop.

Severe Weather

If the weather should turn ugly, which has been known to happen in spring, know when you need to pull over and seek shelter. If you get caught in severe weather that makes driving hazardous, find a safe place to park until weather improves.

Share the road with motorcycles.

Because of their speed and size, motorcycles may quickly come in and out of your blind spots. Always take extra caution when driving around motorcycles. Motorcycles have the same right to be on the road.

Slow down on wet roads

Did you know that roads are the most slippery when it first begins to rain? This is caused by the rainwater mixing with oil and grease on the road, such as oil and grease. Make sure to increase your following distance to allow for proper braking.

Watch for animals

Animals are also brushing off the cobwebs and getting out and about in the spring weather, which can pose a hazard on highways. Slow down so you can stop safely if animals are in the area, and be extra vigilant at dawn and dusk.

Watch for cyclists and pedestrians

More people are choosing to walk, run and cycle to stay active, carry out errands or as an alternative to driving when the warmer weather arrives. Treat bicyclists as you would other drivers, and remember pedestrians too, particularly at crosswalks.

Questions - True or False:

1. Decrease your following distance when traveling on wet roads. _____
2. Animals tend to move around more during dawn and dusk. _____

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