



RISK REMINDER

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Fall Driving Tips

It's Autumn, school is back in session, the weather is changing, and the holidays are on their way. Here are a few tips and reminders to help during the fall season. You will need to adjust your driving habits to accommodate these conditions.

School Traffic: School is back in session: In the morning and afternoon hours, school zones are especially busy. Speed limits are lower in school zones for a very good reason. "Red Lights Mean STOP!" Be sure to stop for flashing red lights or a stop sign on a school bus, regardless of which direction you're headed.

Watch for children: Children often like to play in piles of leaves. They don't understand the danger of playing in leaves left on the roadside.

Watch where you're stepping: With leaves on the ground and everywhere, uneven pavement and holes may be covered leading to a slip and fall hazard.

Changing weather conditions: Autumn weather is truly unpredictable, so as a driver, you must be prepared for the worst. Falling leaves along with increased rain and fog are often challenging this time of year.

Be prepared for ice: As temperatures drop further at night, frosted windshields in the morning become a reality. Allow for extra time to clear the ice. In addition, black ice may develop in shaded areas, on road debris and frost may create slick roadways early in the morning.

Be prepared for bright sunlight: Shorter days also subject motorists to sun glare may be so bright that it makes driving tough. You need to understand this poses challenges to lesser trained drivers who may be already distracted. Sunglasses help.

Animals: Autumn marks the beginning of deer breeding season and they will be more active during sunset and sunrise so be extra watchful when driving near the woods. Watch your speed and do not swerve to miss hitting an animal. By doing this, you can put yourself in a position that could harm yourself and others.



TRUE OR FALSE:

1. It's okay to pass buses if they are stopped on the other side of the road.
2. Weather conditions in the fall are less hazardous in the afternoon than morning.