



RISK REMINDER

April 2025

Name: _____ Company: _____

Spring Driving Safety Tips

Spring is here and the weather is getting warmer. Spring is something that everyone looks forward to after driving in the winter. Although Spring weather is typically less dangerous than winter, there are still hazards that can occur. It's important to pay attention to the weather and always be aware of your surroundings.

Here are some Spring driving safety tips to remember:

- **Winter is not over yet!** Temperatures can change significantly. Rain can quickly change to snow, and water can become black ice or ice, especially in shaded areas, or on bridges and overpasses. Monitor weather forecasts before the start of and during the workday.
- **Never drive faster than conditions allow and reduce your speed whenever possible to increase your traction.** Maintain a safe following distance behind the traffic ahead of you, particularly during bad weather. Brake gently to avoid sliding, skidding, and hydroplaning.
- **Slow down in windy conditions.** Windstorms and gusts of wind are particularly common in the springtime. Tractor-trailers are difficult to control in extremely windy conditions, so it is important to slow down your vehicle as much as possible or pull over if the wind becomes too much.
- **Prepare for the rainy spring weather.** Wet roads can become slippery and reduce a vehicle's handling, increasing the distance it takes to stop. The splashing water from puddles can affect your brakes, cause your truck to swerve, and impair the vision of other motorists.
- **Watch out for potholes.** Springtime is when potholes become a serious road hazard. Between plowing, salting, harsh weather, and fluctuations in temperature, potholes can grow pretty large. The best you can do is avoid them until they are fixed.
- **Keep an eye out for pedestrians and cyclists.** Pedestrians and cyclists may be less alert to traffic in bad weather and more difficult for you to see. Stay extra alert between 6 – 9 p.m.
- **Animals are becoming more active.** While some animals may be coming out of hibernation, others are entering mating season. It's important to remain aware of your surroundings.
- **Dress appropriately for spring weather.** Be sure to dress in layers to prepare against the drop in temperature, rain, and windstorms. Waterproof boots with non-slip soles help in wet and slippery conditions. Replenish and update emergency supplies.



Please remember that no load is worth your life or well-being, and this certainly applies when roads are dangerous. Be prepared and make wise decisions.

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. Rainstorms are only bad in the mornings.
2. Proper footwear helps prevent slipping while entering and exiting your vehicle.