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Winter Driving Tips

To ensure safety and efficiency while driving in winter conditions, truck drivers should prepare their vehicles, adjust their driving habits, and stay informed about weather conditions.

1. Inspect Your Truck Daily

Check brakes, lights, tires, and wipers before every trip. Ensure your defroster and heater work properly.

2. Stock Up on Emergency Supplies

Equip your truck with blankets, gloves, a flashlight, extra food, water, and a fully charged phone.

3. Monitor Tire Pressure

Cold weather lowers tire pressure, which impacts handling and safety. Check it frequently to stay road ready.

4. Slow and Steady Wins the Race

Reduce your speed to maintain control on slippery surfaces. Always leave extra space between you and other vehicles.

5. Avoid Sudden Movements

Sudden braking, accelerating, or turning can cause skidding. Smooth, deliberate actions are safer.



Different winter conditions demand different strategies. Here's how to adapt.

1. Ice

Black ice is invisible and deadly. Watch for shiny patches on the road, especially on bridges and overpasses. If you skid, steer gently in the direction of the skid.

2. Snow

Maintain momentum on snowy hills but avoid speeding. If you get stuck, don't spin your wheels—this can make it worse.

3. Wind

High winds are hazardous for tall loads. Reduce your speed and keep both hands firmly on the wheel.

4. Check Weather and Road Conditions

Use apps or GPS systems to monitor real-time weather updates and road closures.

5. Communicate with Dispatch and Fellow Drivers

Stay in touch to get updates on route changes, accidents, or dangerous weather patterns.

Winter trucking is tough, but with preparation, and focus, you can conquer even the iciest roads. Remember, your safety is paramount. By following these winter truck driving tips, you ensure not just your success, but also the safety of those sharing the road with you.

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. True or False: Sudden braking is recommended on slippery surfaces _____