1. Prepare your vehicle for winter driving ~

Make sure your windshield wipers operate correctly. Ensure that your engine anti-freeze/coolant has the right protection factor. Keep your fuel tank level at least half full and make sure your tires have proper tread.

2. Leave enough time so you are not rushing to get where you need to be ~

Try to travel during daylight hours and consider delaying your trip if the weather is bad.

3. Wear comfortable clothing while driving that does not restrict your movement ~

Bring warm clothing (winter boots, coat, gloves, and hat) with you in case you need to get out of your vehicle.

4. Check the current road conditions and weather forecast ~

Listen to the radio, check the weather channel or visit the highway hotline at https://hotline.gov.sk.ca/mobile/. Again, ask yourself – is it safe to go?

5. Keep at least four seconds distance between you and the vehicle in front of you ~

This will allow plenty of room in situations where you may need to brake suddenly on a slippery surface.

6. Have an Emergency Plan ~

Prior to departure, check with your cell phone provider to verify that service is available. If you get stuck or stranded, do not panic. Stay with your vehicle for safety and warmth. In case of an emergency, call 911, otherwise call for roadside assistance.

7. Plan your route ahead of time ~

Avoid any roads that may become dangerous during bad weather. Respect road closure signs and barriers and do not attempt to drive on these routes until safe to do so.

8. Keep your vehicle stocked with simple emergency equipment ~

Consider keeping these items in your vehicle: blanket or extra clothes, candle with matches, snacks, beverages (never alcohol), flares, cellular phone charger, a small shovel, flashlight, windshield scraping device, tow rope, bag of sand or cat litter for traction, and long jumper/booster cables.

9. Communicate ~

Let someone know your route and planned time of arrival.