

## Driving in Fog

Although fog may not be considered severe weather, there are times when dense fog can be a risk to drivers.

- Reduce speed and turn on headlights.
- Do not use high beams, parking lights, or emergency flashers.
- Always use low beams. If you have fog lights, use them in addition to low beams. It is illegal to use only fog lights.
- Use the right edge of the road – not the center line - as a guide.
- Never stop in the roadway. If you must stop, pull well onto the shoulder.
- Use defroster and wipers in foggy conditions.
- Remember that driving in fog is worse at night, so use extra caution.
- If possible, avoid driving until fog lifts.



## Precautions for All Driving

- Buckle up.
- Avoid distractions (cell phones, eating, vehicle controls, pets, etc.)
- Share the road.
- Drive sober. Don't drink and drive.
- Slow speed. Obey the speed limits.
- Don't run red lights.



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## Driver Safety in Severe Weather

*The Henrico Police Division would like to help you drive safer during severe weather. As you know, severe weather can strike at any time, and we want to make sure you are prepared.*



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Police Division at

501-5000  
or  
911—Emergency only

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## General Safety Precautions

- Always turn on your headlights.
- Check your tires prior to severe weather striking. Check for proper inflation and proper tread depth.
- Slow down and follow at a safe distance.
  - ◆ During severe weather, following distances should be doubled or tripled as compared to normal driving.
- Pay attention to what is going on in front of you on both sides of the road.
- Never use cruise control or overdrive during severe weather.
- Allow more time to get to your destination.
- Make sure all your safety equipment is in good working order (i.e.: headlights, windshield wipers, brakes, defroster, tires).
- If traffic lights are not operating, treat intersections as if they have stop signs posted on every corner.
- Tune in your radio to stay informed of weather updates.
- Don't be distracted while driving in severe weather (or anytime).



## Weather Specific Safety Tips

### Snow and Ice

- If you don't have to go out, stay at home. Allow road crews to do the job of getting the roadways clear.
- Make sure you have plenty of gas prior to a snow or ice storm striking.
- Remember to remove all snow and ice from all windows and windshields so that you can see 360 degrees around the vehicle. Also, remove snow from your roof top.
- Never try to pass sand/plow trucks.
- Remember to steer in smooth, precise movements to prevent skidding or losing control.
- Keep an ice scraper with a brush in your car in case it snows or sleet while you are out. Check your wiper fluid/de-icer.
- Be extra careful on bridges and overpasses as they may freeze before the roadways.



## Weather Specific Safety Tips

### Wind, Rain, or Floods

- Watch for standing water in the roadways.
- Slow down and steer smoothly.
- Never try to cross a flooded roadway. The average automobile can be swept off the roadway in 12 inches of moving water. Roadways that are subjected to moving water can also collapse.
- If you should come across a flooded street, take an alternate route.
- Obey highway signs and road closed signs. They were placed for your safety.
- High winds can cause a vehicle to overturn. Reduce your speed.

