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## SNOW SAFETY TIPS



There are three key elements to drive safely during winter months: staying alert, slowing down and staying in control of the vehicle. Also, it is very important to check during a pre-trip inspection the vehicle's tire pressure, battery, belts and hoses, radiator, oil, lights, brakes, exhaust system, heater/defroster, wipers and ignition system. Make sure you have more fuel than you'd normally use. I recommend having always half a tank as a minimum in case the road is shut down. Please follow these additional guidelines for Snow safety:

### **1. Add Chains**

If the weather becomes too snowy or icy, the truck will likely need chains. You should have the right size and amount of chains on hand. Make sure to keep a flashlight, kneeling pad, waterproof gloves, and a reflective vest in the cab to make the chaining process as easy and safe as possible.

### **2. Add Anti-Gel**

At low temperatures, diesel fuel gets slushy. Add anti-gel to the tank before you fuel up. The nearest auto shop might not have any in stock, especially if the below-freezing temperatures are unseasonable, so make sure you purchase some and keep it on-hand for sudden cold spells.

### **3. Keep Food, water warm clothing, medicine and plenty of blankets in the vehicle**

Many times drivers have been stranded on the side of the road because of road closures or due to breakdowns. When this situations happen, you want to be prepared and have anything you need with you.

If you have any questions about this subject, please contact the Safety Department at ext. 1304 or email us at [ssandri@nalogistics.com](mailto:ssandri@nalogistics.com).

**And remember..... Safety is not a choice is a must!**