



WINTER DRIVING



Winter driving presents a number of challenges to both you and your vehicle and it tests your abilities and judgment. You as a professional driver need to make sure you and your vehicle are prepared for winter driving conditions and that you are extra careful since there are plenty of drivers out there who will not know how to handle these conditions and can become a hazard out on the road.

It is always important to check your route, however during the winter months it is key that you plan ahead in case you need to take alternate routes and always allow yourself some extra time to reach your destination since slowing down is absolutely necessary. Planning also involves listening to the news for sudden storms and having enough water, snacks, blankets and a first aid kit.

Cold weather tests the limits of your vehicle's mechanical abilities. Many times drivers turn their vehicle off to try to save some fuel and limit their idling time. During the winter, if the temperature is low enough the engine block might freeze and the truck will have to be towed. Please make sure you connect your engine block to a power source if you'll turn it off. It is also a good idea to add anti gel to your diesel to make sure your fuel doesn't gel up.

A thorough pre-trip inspection is always a must, however during the winter is imperative to your safety and the ones around you that you double check your service brakes, steering fluids, lights, tires, horn, windshield wipers, coupling devices and mirrors.

Make sure your following distance is appropriate, and have extra caution near bridges and overpasses since they will freeze before pavement does.

If you have any questions, please contact the Safety Department at ext. 1304 or email us at ssandri@nalogistics.com.

And remember..... Safety is not a choice is a must..... Drive safely!