Winter Driving Guide

Driving Safely On Icy Roads

- Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
- Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.
- Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.
- Keep your lights and windshield clean.
- Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.
- Don’t use cruise control or overdrive on icy roads.
- Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.
- Don’t pass snow plows and sanding trucks. The drivers have limited visibility, and you’re likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.
- Don’t assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads.

If your rear wheels skid...

- Take your foot off the accelerator.
- Steer in the direction you want the front wheels to go. If your rear wheels are sliding left, steer left. If they’re sliding right, steer right.
- If you have standard brakes, pump them gently.
- If your rear wheels start sliding the other way as you recover, ease the steering wheel toward that side. You might have to steer left and right a few times to get your vehicle completely under control.
- If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS), do not pump the brakes. Apply steady pressure to the brakes. You will feel the brakes pulse -- this is normal.

If your front wheels skid...

- Take your foot off the gas and shift to neutral, but don’t try to steer immediately.
- As the wheels skid sideways, they will slow the vehicle and traction will return. As it does, steer in the direction you want to go. Then put the transmission in “drive”

Finals Survival Guide

As the week of final exams approach, we would like to offer you some suggestions, adapted from collegeuniversity.suite101.com, for surviving and acing your exams!

1. Time Management—Get out your calendar and schedule your week. Stick to the schedule!
2. Schedule in study breaks—You’ll feel much better and be able to concentrate much better!
3. Schedule in sleep—You’ll do much better if you’re not falling asleep on your exam book!
4. Exercise—Don’t exercise so much that you’re avoiding studying, just take a short break for a quick game of basketball or a walk.
5. Prioritize—Decide which exams need the most study time, but make sure you spend time on each of them!
6. Form effective study groups—Don’t waste time studying with people who don’t really study!
7. Ask your professor for help—He is the expert after all! Don’t wait until the last minute, though!
8. Keep things in perspective—Excessive stress will make you crazy and hurt your performance, so try to relax as much as you can!

Happy studying and good luck!

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Dinner N Bowling

Looking for something to do on a boring Monday night? Come out to Suburban Lanes on Monday, December 1 and join us for a few games of bowling.

Suburban Lanes is located on Chestnut Ridge Road in the Suburban Plaza (by Kegler’s).

Bowling starts at 9:00PM and lasts until approximately midnight.

The lanes and shoes are on us. All you have to do is bring yourself and have fun!

It’s a great way to relax, meet some new people and have a friendly competition with your friends!

Before bowling, join us for dinner (on you!) at The Boston Beanery on Patteson Drive at 7:30PM.

If you have any questions, e-mail Tara at Tara.Pletcher@mail.wvu.edu. We look forward to seeing you at Suburban!

Holiday Party

Stop by the Commuter Lounge in 101 Purinton House for some food and fun at the holiday party on December 1st from 11:00AM until 2:00PM.

We will be having pizza, pop and snacks in the lounge. Also, we will be decorating for the holidays!

Be sure to stop by and paint your own ornament to hang on the lounge’s tree.

There will be a Secret Santa with a gift maximum of $10. Let Tara know if you’re interested by Saturday, November 22!

If you’re interested in the Secret Santa or want any more information, contact Tara at tara.pletcher@mail.wvu.edu!

See you on December 1st!

Term Paper Clinic Presentation

Join Kelly Diamond, reference librarian and English instructor, in the Commuter Lounge for help with your term papers!

Kelly will be doing a term paper clinic presentation in the lounge (101 Purinton House) on Monday, December 1st, 2008 at 10:30AM.

If you’re feeling overwhelmed by term papers, Kelly can help you with several things, including:

- Find a research topic or a focus that fits your assignment
- Help you begin looking for information
- Teach you how best to find the information you need
- Organize information into a structured paper
- Explain those pesky documentation and citation formats

If you have any questions, contact Tara at tara.pletcher@mail.wvu.edu!