

dense fog

Fog can be hazardous to drivers, mariners, and aviators and contributes to thousands of travel accidents every year. Visibility often changes quickly in fog.

safety tips

- *Slow down*
- *Use your low-beam headlights*
- *Leave plenty of distance between you and other vehicles*

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rain after a long dry stretch

Oil and debris accumulate on the road when it hasn't rained for a while, so when it first starts to rain, the road becomes slick and people are also not used to driving in it.

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rain with a temperature near freezing

Ice can form on roads and lead to dangerous travel when the air temperature or road temperature drops below freezing.

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sun glare

The low sun angle and possibility of fresh fallen snow means that even when the forecast is bright and sunny, your drive may be hazardous.

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- **Use sunglasses and your car's visor**
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flash freeze

Wet roads can freeze quickly at night or when there is a rapid drop in temperature behind a cold front.

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first snow

The first snow of the year can often cause major problems on the road as people adjust to the poor driving conditions.

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freezing drizzle

The fine layer of ice that forms during freezing drizzle may be hard to notice on the road, but it is one of winter's most dangerous types of weather.

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snow squalls

There is a long history of deadly traffic accidents associated with these intense snow events that are accompanied by strong winds and a quick reduction in visibility.

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- *Avoid or delay motor travel until the squall passes*
- *Reduce your speed, turn on your headlights and hazard lights, and try to exit the road*

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