

Accident Information

If you are in an accident, and choose not to contact police, ensure you gather the following information:

The Driver's Name:

The Driver's Address:

The Driver's Phone Number:

The Other Car's Plate, Make, & Model:

Their Insurance Company:

Their Policy Number:

Their Insurance Agent/Company Phone:

Passengers & Witnesses Names & Numbers:



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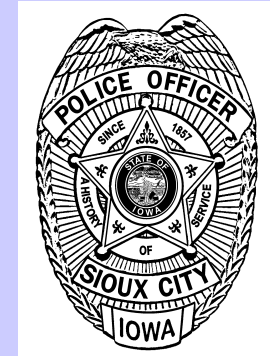
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Winter Driving & Accident Tips



Emergency: 911
Non Emergency: 279-6960



Winter Driving Preparedness & Accident Information



Use a quarter to check tire trends

Winter driving is a fact of life in Siouxland. The snow and ice can present even the most seasoned driver with challenges but being prepared can make getting around a little easier.

Prepare Your Car

- Check tire pressure for proper inflation
- Check tread wear, use a quarter, the trends should touch Washington's head
- Windshield wipers in good condition
- Windshield washer fluid is full
- Pack a small shovel
- Have a cell phone charger
- Pack ice melt or kitty litter for traction
- Pack a light that plugs into a lighter (batteries do not work when they are cold)
- Pack a pencil or gel style pen & paper
- Clear all snow and ice off your car

While Driving

- SLOW DOWN, even if you have 4 wheel drive, as slick conditions will make stopping harder
- Give more space between you and other cars
- Eliminate distractions
- Use caution on curves, corners, bridges
- If you start skidding while stopping, release the brakes and apply them again
- If you start sliding on a turn, let up off the brake and give it a little gas while looking where you want to turn to
- Give plows plenty of room and avoid passing them
- Do not try to drive through windrows, the piles of snow in the middle of the roads

Accidents

The SCPD sees higher rates of accidents during the two days after a snow storm then during the snow storm. Many drivers feel that because the plows have been out, the roads are completely clear of snow and ice. Drivers should use caution until all the snow and ice have melted and temperatures stay above freezing. Here are some tips and guidelines if you do have an accident

- Call 911 if someone is injured and needs medical assistance or there is a fire
- Call the non emergency number, **279-6960**, if no one is hurt
- Move vehicles if they are a hazard, such as on the interstate, a busy intersection, or on a curve or hill. SAFETY is paramount
- Report accidents that people are injured during or have damage over a thousand dollars to vehicles
- If you do not call police for a minor accident, ensure you exchange information. You have up to 72 hours to report minor accidents in Iowa
- If there are a lot of accidents when you have yours, you may have your report taken over the phone. You can obtain the driver's exchange report at no charge from headquarters at 601 Douglas St
- Be civil, accidents are frustrating and costly. An officer will investigate accidents reported and assist in exchanging information between drivers
- If the other car starts to drive off without exchanging information, write down the plate, vehicle description, and a description of the driver