



# Winter Driving Tips in Bellevue



- **SLOW DOWN!** It's the single most important action you can take to increase safety
  - Increase following distance
  - Turn on headlights
  - Avoid abrupt steering, braking, or accelerating. This decreases the chance of losing control of your vehicle.
  - Look farther ahead in traffic. Actions by other drivers will alert you to problems and give you more time to react.
  - Stopping on snow and ice requires extra distance. If you have anti-lock brakes, press the pedal down firmly and hold it. If you don't have anti-lock brakes, gently pump the pedal.
  - Slow down when approaching overpasses, bridges, intersections, and shady spots. These are all candidates for developing black ice, which may be difficult to see.
  - Do not become overly confident. Be cautious and arrive safely.
  - Use caution on hills. Pause at the top when practical to allow traffic below to clear. Allow extra space to stop and maneuver in the event other vehicles lose control.
  - Plan your route and minimize driving unless absolutely necessary.

## **If you must park and leave your car**

- Make every attempt to move your vehicle completely off the roadway.
- If you must park on the road, parallel park as close to the curb as possible.
- Do not leave your vehicle parked sideways in the road or intersection.
- Leave your phone number visible on the dashboard.
- Abandoned vehicles in the road will be towed at the soonest possible time. To avoid being impounded, return to your vehicle as soon as practical.

*If it's snowing, should you be going?*