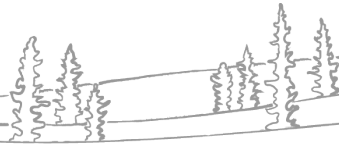




NWT Winter Road Safety

The Department of Infrastructure's #1 priority is safety on the NWT winter highway system



Travellers are to **obey speed limits** and **use caution** when using NWT ice and winter roads.

Delays can be expected due to situations that are out of our control such as weather, vehicle mechanical problems and overflows, to mention a few, and could be from hours to days.

Additional planning is required when travelling. Consider the following:

- Plan your route
- Leave early for extra travel time
- Allow for unexpected travel delays
- Check in with someone before you leave and when you arrive at your destination
- Be prepared with a winter survival kit and a winter ready vehicle
- Be advised, resources (fuel and food) are limited along the highway, and
- Longer emergency response times can be expected.

For all travellers, it is recommended to:

- Carry a winter driving survival kit. See below
- Carry extra fuel
- Carry a spare tire and ensure it is inflated
- Prepare a bag lunch for meals on your trip
- Have LADD 1 radio channel. If not, travel with someone who does have LADD 1 radio communications
- Check the NWT highway condition map before traveling www.inf.gov.nt.ca
- Watch for narrow sections on the road
- Yield to oncoming traffic
- Be aware of snow dust created by large and small vehicles, and
- Be aware of the large commercial traffic while on the winter road system. Winter resupply will have many large commercial vehicle users out on the winter road system. Please be aware that these vehicles will need room and time to negotiate some hills and bridges, your patience is appreciated

Winter Driving Survival Kit - It is recommended that you carry a winter survival kit in your vehicle when travelling NWT winter roads, including:

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| • Two-Way Radio/Satellite phone | • First aid kit/fire extinguisher |
| • Ice scraper/snow brush/shovel/axe | • Tool kit |
| • Sand or other traction aid | • Extra clothing and footwear |
| • Tow rope | • Winter rated sleeping bag (-20° C plus) |
| • Booster cables | • Non-perishable energy foods (chocolate and granola bars, juice, soup, bottled water) |
| • Road flares or warning light | • Emergency candles and a small tin can |
| • Gas line antifreeze | • Lighter and matches (dryer lint is a great fire starter) |
| • Flashlight and batteries (headlamp) | |