



# Toolbox Talks

## *Spotlight on Safety*



## **Bad Weather Driving Reminder**

Driving during bad weather when road conditions are changing requires every driver's full attention. Rain and snow can make the roads slick, and fog, rain, and snow can reduce visibility. Drivers should slow down and allow more room to stop during bad weather. This is also a time to watch out for the other guy, who is likely to make stupid and careless mistakes.

To reduce the possibility of vehicle accidents during bad weather, drivers should:

- ▲ Inspect their vehicles before departing. Check tires, lights, turn signals, wipers, windows, defroster, mirrors and loads. Report defects to the mechanic and have them repaired before you go on the road.
- ▲ Keep windows and lights clean and clear of dirt, snow, and ice.
- ▲ Use wipers, defrosters, and headlights to improve your visibility day or night. Headlights also help other drivers see you.
- ▲ Avoid distractions, such as cell phones or radios.
- ▲ Watch out for puddles and icy patches that could cause hydroplaning or skids.
- ▲ Do not attempt to drive through deep puddles. You could get stuck or wet the brakes.
- ▲ Avoid quick or sudden stops or turns.
- ▲ Increase your stopping distance.
- ▲ Wear your seat belt at all times and require passengers to do the same.

***There is no time for mistakes during bad weather. Bad weather affects all drivers.  
You must stay alert. Watch out for the other drivers, too. Drive defensively!***