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# SAFETY TALK

## Black Ice Awareness

Black ice is a transparent coating of ice on a roadway. Black ice will cause you to skid and lose control of your vehicle on the roadway.

### HAZARDS

- Black ice is transparent and matches the color of the road making it difficult to detect
- Black ice gives you less reaction time to control skids
- Black ice will form early in the morning, in the evenings, on cloudy days when the sun is not shining to warm the road
- Black ice will form easily on bridges
- Daylight hours are reduced in winter - detecting black ice is difficult
- Freezing rain and wind will readily form black ice on roadways

### SAFEGUARDS

- When temperatures drop near or below freezing take your time and drive with caution
- If you encounter black ice on the road reduce your speed significantly and be aware of oncoming traffic
- Plan your journey ahead of time, check the road conditions on a road conditions website, listen to the radio for black ice and/or slippery road alerts
- Avoid travelling whenever possible when road and weather warnings are advised
- Travel during daylight hours whenever possible
- If you see a vehicle in front of you suddenly swerve for no apparent reason - be prepared for black ice
- At a slow speed, test road conditions by gently applying brakes
- Winter tires are an asset the tread patterns have added depth which help with icy road conditions





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This Safety Talk is intended to bring awareness to workplace hazards and the measures to take to reduce or eliminate hazards. Print and review this talk with your staff, sign off and post on a bulletin board. File for audit purposes.

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Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Performed By: \_\_\_\_\_

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