



# SAFETY TALK

## Black Ice Awareness

### Explain hazards

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

- 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, and 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

### Identify controls

- 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 traveling whenever possible when road and weather warnings are issued
- 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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Performed by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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Employee Signature:

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