



for BUS Drivers

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Keeping Safe in Bad Weather

We can't control the weather - the snow, ice, wind and heavy rain come our way. We can, however, prepare to be safe in bad weather conditions.

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Prepare yourself

- Dress for the weather, knowing that you may have to be out in it (such as putting tire chains and clearing snow and ice from the bus).
- Wear proper footwear. Avoid shoes with smooth soles and heels. Shoes made of non-slip rubber or neoprene, with grooved soles are best.
- In cold temperatures, approach with caution and assume that all wet, dark areas on pavements are slippery and icy.
- Use special care when entering and exiting your bus; use the bus for support.
- Make sure that you are well rested so you can be extra alert in potentially hazardous situations.

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Prepare your bus

- Make sure the heaters and window defrosters are working properly.
- When snow or ice is expected, carry chains for your bus.
- Carry a means of clearing ice and snow off of bus steps.
- Make sure your wipers are working properly and check that you have plenty of windshield washer fluid.
- Make sure that emergency equipment is available.

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Walking on ice

- Walk in designated walkways as much as possible. Taking shortcuts over snow piles and frozen areas can be hazardous.
- Take small steps to improve traction. Point your feet out slightly like a penguin! This increases your center of gravity.
- Bend slightly and walk flat-footed with your center of gravity over your feet.
- Extend your arms out to your sides to maintain balance.
- Walk slowly on slippery, icy surfaces. Stop occasionally to break momentum.
- Keep your hands out of your pockets. Hands in your pockets while walking decreases your center of gravity and balance. Also if your hands are out of your pockets they can help break your fall if you do slip.
- Keep snow and water out of your footwear.
- Beware of icicles. Avoid walking beneath them.
- Do not overexert and overheat yourself.
- Wear UV blocking sunglasses when working near snow or on bright days.

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Get current information

- Ask the dispatcher for any relevant weather-related information that may affect your route.

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