



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### Winter Weather Driving Safety Message

The roads are a dangerous place on even the nicest day, but in the winter, the dangers of driving can increase dramatically. According to the Department of Transportation, winter weather conditions are responsible for over 192,000 injuries and 2,200 deaths each year. Outside injury and loss of life, winter weather conditions are responsible for millions of dollars in property damage incidents.

### Tips for Avoiding a Winter Weather-Related Accident

- \* Monitor weather for any incoming snow storms or icy conditions and plan your travel around those conditions.
  - \* Be a defensive driver. Stay clear of other drivers and maintain a safe distance in case you need to brake or turn to avoid an accident.
  - \* Slow down. Winter weather conditions necessitate having to reduce your speed.
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- \*\* Think about where you're setting up your trucks to work
  - \*\* Increase the work zone size.... Remember the DOT Requirements are the MINIMUM!!