



## Winter driving myths and truths

### Myths

Pouring boiling water on windows will clear ice and snow. Using a warm hair dryer will help thaw frozen door locks.

If I drive fast enough, the wind will clear the snow off of my car.

My four-wheel drive or all-wheel drive vehicle makes it safe for me to drive in the snow.

My car needs to “warm up,” so I need to start it and let it sit for a while before I drive it.

Winter tires are a waste of money.

### Truths

**Never pour hot water over icy windows to clear them.** The temperature change can cause glass to crack or shatter. The heat of a hair dryer can damage door lock sensors.

**Use an ice scraper to fully clear windows, mirrors and lights before you drive.** Not clearing ice and snow from your vehicle before driving is dangerous.

**Four-wheel drive does not help a car stop.** No matter what type of car you are driving, it's best to go slow in the snow.

**Most modern vehicles are ready to drive within 15-30 seconds after the engine has started.** Never start a car in a closed garage.

**Having good winter tires is one of the best ways to improve safety** in winter driving conditions.

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