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Killam / Forestburg RCMP encourages drivers to prepare for winter driving conditions

Killam / Forestburg, Alta. – Alberta motorists are no strangers to how treacherous the roads become when the snow starts falling, especially on highways. Slippery conditions and reduced visibility can make winter driving hazardous, requiring extra caution and preparation.

Killam / Forestburg RCMP reminds drivers to stay safe this winter by following these driving tips:

- Ensure your car is winter-ready by installing winter tires, checking fluid levels, and replacing windshield wipers if needed.
- Drive at a slower speed to account for reduced traction on icy or snow-covered roads.
- Leave extra space between your vehicle and the one in front of you to allow for longer braking distances on slick roads.
- Make sure your headlights and taillights are on at all times to improve visibility for yourself and others.
- Fully clear all snow and ice from your vehicle, including windows, mirrors, and lights, before driving.
- Equip your vehicle with a winter survival kit, including items like a blanket, flashlight, food, water, and a shovel in case you get stuck.
- Be cautious on bridges, overpasses, and shaded areas, which tend to freeze faster and may have black ice that's difficult to see.
- Steer, accelerate, and brake smoothly to maintain control of your vehicle in slippery conditions.
- Keep your full attention on the road and avoid distractions, as winter driving requires heightened awareness of your surroundings.

For more tips on safe winter driving, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and on X @RCMPAlberta

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