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Fall Driving Safety

In many areas, autumn is a damp, wet season. There are many rainy or foggy days and nights. As the temperatures drop, frost often coats the ground at night.

Consider these hazards:

Animal activity

Deer activity increases in the fall due to migration and mating

Icy patches

May increase with dew or rainy weather and can lead to morning frost or icy spots on the road, especially in shaded areas

Pedestrian activity

With school back in session, there is an increase in pedestrians that may or may not be aware of your presence

Tips to mitigate hazards:

Watch your speed

Kids and/or animals can dart out without much notice

Keep your distance

Allow yourself plenty of room to stop in an emergency

Keep your windshield clean inside and out

Mud and frost can limit your visibility

Drive to the conditions

Although speed limits are posted, weather should dictate how you drive

Always drive defensively