

Montana Winter Driving Safety Resources

General Winter Driving Safety:

- Montana Department of Transportation's Winter Driving Page: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/people/winterdriving.shtml#:~:text=Winter%20Driving%20Checklist&text=Keep%20windows%2C%20mirrors%20and%20lights,down%20in%20poor%20visibility%20conditions> includes:
 - Safety tips
 - Don't Crowd the Plow information (including a video on tow plows)
 - Emergency Travel Kit checklist
 - Snow tire and chains information
 - Winter Survival Guide
- NHTSA's Winter Driving Safety: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-safety>
- OSHA: <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/SafeDriving.pdf>
- AAA (includes "How to Go on Snow and Ice" guide): <https://exchange.aaa.com/safety/driving-advice/winter-driving-tips/#.X9etXdhKjIU>
- National Safety Council: <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/winter/driving>

Road Conditions:

- Can be accessed by phone at 511 or 1-800-226-7623, for TTY call 1-800-335-7592
- MDT Travel Info App (Available in Google Play, the iOS App Store, and on Amazon)
- Mobile-Friendly Website: <https://roadreport.mdt.mt.gov/travinfomobile/>

Don't Crowd the Plow:

- MDT Tow Plow page and video: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/roads/towplows.shtml>
- Visual from City of Sioux Falls: <https://www.siouxfalls.org/public-works/street-fleet/snow/crowd>

Move Over Law:

- MCA 61-8-346- Montana's Move Over Law in Code: https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0610/chapter_0080/part_0030/section_0460/0610-0080-0030-0460.html
- News Story from Billings 10/28/20: <https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/move-over-and-slow-down-a-message-from-billings-first-responders-after-fatal-tow-truck-crash>
- Move Over Montana Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/moveovermontana/>
- MHP Accident Awareness Video (5:40) – highlights the importance of slowing down in the winter and moving over, showing dashcam footage from an actual winter crash with several chain reaction crashes outside of Frenchtown in 2014: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvhRHiskRlc>
- Traffic Safety Marketing Materials are available at: <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/first-responder-safety/move-over>

Child Passenger Safety – Winter:

- Winter Weather Safety Checklist from Safe Kids Worldwide: <https://www.safekids.org/blog/home-or-road-heres-your-cold-weather-safety-checklist>
- Buckle Up Montana and Safe Kid Montana's "Safe Kids Puffy Jacket Video" (6:30): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wpRwmRcVyw&feature=youtu.be>
- Car Seat Lady's "Dangers of Fluff" video (3:13): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnBqWuhc6kE&feature=emb_logo
- Consumer Report's Winter coat safety video (1:13): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b60UikqEKHc>

- University of Vermont Medical article on dangers of winter coats: <https://medcenterblog.uvmhealth.org/children-health/winter-coats-car-seats/>
- Winter Car Seat Safety Tips from the AAP: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/on-the-go/Pages/Winter-Car-Seat-Safety-Tips.aspx#:~:text=Dress%20your%20child%20in%20thin%20layers.&text=Then%20add%20pants%20and%20a,one%20more%20layer%20than%20adults.>

Traffic Incident Management Training (TIM):

- Jerry Prete – State TIM Coordinator (formerly MSU Fire Services Training School) offers in-person TIM trainings across the state (appears to have replaced Sgt. Alex Betz) – (406) 461-2274 or gerald.prete@montana.edu
 - News article: https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/traffic-incident-management-training-part-of-effort-to-keep-montana-first-responders-safe/article_7c041eea-690c-5761-978e-f23b5c956873.html
 - POST Approved Trainings – DOJ: <https://dojmt.gov/post/post-bulletin-board/>
- National Highway Institute TIM Training (Free Online): https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/course-search?course_no=133126A
- Responder Safety Learning Network (Free Online): <https://learning.respondersafety.com/>

Impaired Driving – Winter Campaigns:

- Traffic Safety Marketing at <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/>, a division of NHTSA, has many pre-made campaign materials you can pull for social or printed media including:
 - Pre-Holiday IP prevention (Nov. 30th – Dec. 15th)
 - Holiday Season IP National Mobilization Campaign (Dec. 16th – Jan. 1)
 - Super Bowl IP Prevention (Feb. 7th, 2021)
 - St. Patrick’s Day IP Prevention (March 17th, 2021)

Other Helpful Montana Motor Vehicle Safety Resources:

- Drive Safe Missoula: <https://www.drivesafemissoula.com>
- Montana Highway Patrol Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/montanahighwaypatrol>

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