



**Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office**  
***NEWS RELEASE***

---

---

## **MCSO Reminds the Motoring Public to Drive Safely During Winter Weather Conditions**

**Milwaukee, WI (December 11, 2020)** A rain snow mix is expected for Milwaukee County this evening through the weekend. These winter weather conditions can make roads hazardous. The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office asks the motoring public to exercise patience and extreme caution on their commute home this evening and throughout the weekend.

The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office offers the following tips for safe driving during winter weather conditions:

- Remember that excessive speed and following too close contribute to crashes in winter weather.
- Reduce your speed to match road conditions.
- Double or even triple your following distance; instead of keeping two car lengths between you and the car in front of you, maintain the following distance of four or even six car lengths.
- Wear your seatbelt. It's the law.
- Make sure your headlights are on.
- Slow down and prepare to stop. When stopping your vehicle, don't wait until the last possible second. Four-wheel drive may help get your vehicle moving, but it doesn't help you slow down or stop!
- If you are in a ditch: Turn on your hazard lights, remain in your vehicle, and call 911.
- If you are in a crash and your vehicle is still drivable; It's safer to drive off the freeway to the nearest exit. Once you have removed your vehicle from the highway, call 911 or MCSO's non-emergency number, 414-278-4788.
- If you are in a crash and your vehicle is not movable, or you are injured: Turn on your hazard lights, remain in your vehicle with your seatbelt on, and call 911.

- Remember the Move Over Law requires all drivers to move over or slow down for emergency vehicles and personnel working on the freeway.
- Be aware that all disabled vehicles must be towed during snow conditions.

Our Patrol Division will be present throughout our freeway system aiding motorists and ensuring commuter safety.

###

**For more information about the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, visit our website at [MKEsheriff.org](http://MKEsheriff.org) and our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/MilwaukeeCountySheriff](https://Facebook.com/MilwaukeeCountySheriff).**