



### **Tips for Long-Distance Winter Trips**

- Watch weather reports prior to a long-distance drive or before driving in isolated areas. Delay trips when especially bad weather is expected. If you must leave, let others know your route, destination and estimated time of arrival.
- Always make sure your vehicle is in peak operating condition.
- Keep at least half a tank of gasoline in your vehicle.
- Pack a cell phone, blankets, gloves, hats, food, water and any needed medication.

#### **If you become snow-bound:**

- Stay with your vehicle. It provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you.
- Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or place a cloth at the top of a rolled up window to signal distress. At night, keep the dome light on if possible.
- Make sure the exhaust pipe isn't clogged with snow, ice or mud. A blocked exhaust could cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the passenger compartment with the engine running.
- Use whatever is available to insulate your body from the cold. This could include floor mats, newspapers or paper maps.
- If possible, run the engine and heater just long enough to remove the chill and to conserve gasoline.



***Remember: "No task is so important that it be done at the risk of Safety."***

