

KEEP SAFE ON WINTER ROADS

Here are some tips to keep yourself and others as safe as possible when you're on the road.



Free ice scrapers and cleaning cloths are available at Council Offices, Libraries and Sport and Recreation Centres



- 1 Check road conditions before you leave the house, and make sure all vehicle windows are free of snow and ice before driving
- 2 If you don't feel confident driving due to the weather conditions, plan for alternate ways to travel such as the bus or ride share with a friend or neighbour
- 3 Plan extra travel time and keep your speed down
- 4 Accelerate smoothly and brake gently when driving in snowy conditions
- 5 If it's a really cold, snowy or icy day, only travel if it's absolutely necessary or consider taking an alternate route and avoid travel over the Crown Range
- 6 Double your following distance behind vehicles and don't overtake grit trucks
- 7 Take extra care on driving over bridge surfaces and shaded areas as they can be icier
- 8 Carry chains in your vehicle wherever you go
- 9 Practice how to fit chains on your vehicle in the driveway at home or attend a practical workshop



Know when to use chains

Only fit chains when there's snow settling on the road, or if you are instructed to put them on by Police, ski field operators or QLDC's Winter Road Reports. For more information on winter driving and chain fitting check out www.qldc.govt.nz/winter-road-reports

How are roads managed in the winter?

On snowy days, we first clear ice and snow and put grit on priority roads before moving onto secondary roads and footpaths. Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA) is the preferred treatment for ice reduction on our roads. It's a biodegradable de-icing agent we spray on roads and footpaths and it works when road temperatures are above -7°C. CMA is quick and easy to apply, and safer than grit for motorists.



CMA can make a road look wet. Look for the straight line down the side of the road to know it's CMA not black ice.

Find out when your road is likely to be cleared in the event of heavy snowfall with our map of priority roads at www.qldc.govt.nz/winter-road-reports#priority-roads

Winter conditions are still hazardous for four-wheel-drive vehicles



Stay informed about road conditions



- > Sign up to our Winter Road Reports at www.qldc.govt.nz/winter-road-reports
- > Sign up to our community text alerts at www.qldc.govt.nz/text-alerts
- > Check our Facebook page for daytime updates at www.facebook.com/QLDCinfo
- > Get updates on State Highways at www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz
- > Check out the Crown Range webcam at www.metservice.com/traffic-camera/crown-range