



## Winter Weather Travel

If you must travel out of town, and dangerous winter weather conditions are expected along any part of your route, be sure to tell your family or friends where you are going, the roads you will be taking, and your time of arrival.

Make sure your gas tank is full. Carry a windshield scraper, jumper cables, a small shovel, a flashlight, a cellular phone, a blanket and additional warm clothing, drinking water, and high calorie non-perishable food.

Don't panic if you become stranded on the road during a winter storm. Call someone on your cell phone and let them know you are stranded. Do not try to walk to safety; stay in your vehicle. Attach a cloth to your car antenna or window to indicate you need help. Turn on the dome light and flashers to make your vehicle more noticeable.

The Illinois Department of Transportation also reminds you to be on the lookout for snow plows this winter. If the plow is coming toward you, allow plenty of room for it to pass. If you approach a snowplow from the rear, pass with care, and only when you can see the road ahead of the plow.

Check out road conditions on the interstate and freeway system before your drive out of town. Call the Illinois Department of Transportation's toll free number, 1-800-452-IDOT for current conditions or visit [www.dot.state.il.us](http://www.dot.state.il.us)