An automobile can be your best friend or worst enemy during winter storms. Get your car winterized before winter arrives. The following items should be checked: ignition system, cooling system, fuel system, battery, lights, tires, heater, brakes, wipers, defroster, oil, exhaust. Keep water out of your fuel tank by keeping it full.

If you travel often during winter, carry a winter storm kit in your car. It should include: flashlight, windshield scraper, paper towels, extra clothes, matches/candles, booster cables, compass, maps, sand, chains, blankets, high calorie non-perishable food.

Winter travel by car is serious business. If the storm exceeds or tests your driving ability, seek available shelter immediately.

Plan your travel. Let others know your plans and estimated time of arrival. Try not to travel alone and drive in convoy when possible.

Drive carefully and defensively. If you do not have antilock brakes, pump your brakes when trying to stop on snow or ice covered roads.