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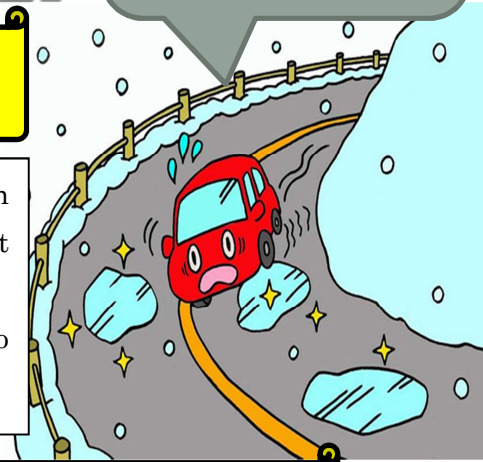
Caution! Drive safely on icy road.

For a driver in Hokkaido winter

You need to be more cautious for driving on roads in Hokkaido because roads in winter time become snowy and icy. Snowfall or reflection by snow on roads takes away the visibility from you. So, you should turn on the headlights or wear sunglasses.

Early brake and turning signal

You must apply the brake of a car more softly than usual on winter roads, or the car skids and can not stop safely. You should give a turn signal earlier than usual to let the cars following you know it.



Keep a longer distance!

Your car would collide the car ahead if the distance between the cars is not enough. You should keep a longer distance than usual between your car and the car ahead.

Maneuver the car deliberately

Abrupt acceleration, braking and unnecessary lane change may cause uncontrollable skid. Maneuver your car deliberately and drive smoothly.

Slow down!

Do not let your car go fast even if you are in hurry or impatient. You should plan extra time for your trip.

Places you should be careful for skid !!

Intersection



Downhill slope or curve



On the bridge



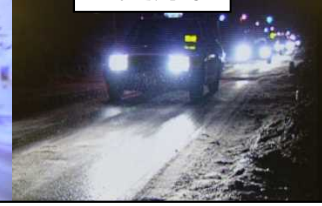
In the shadow



Tunnel



Black ice



*Black ice ~ A thin coating of ice on a road surface looks wet and black, but not frozen. You must be cautious for black ice, especially at night.