

Safe Driving Tips – Flood

First of all, driving is a “**full-time**” job. Always keep your eyes on the road and concentrate on driving. If you have to talk, use your mouth only. If you have to answer cell phone, use a hand-free set; otherwise, turn it off when driving.

To remove the fog on front window: Turn on both A/C and heater to maximum while blowing in outside air.

If you see high water on intersection or on the road ahead: NEVER try your luck. Turn around and find another route; or just drive to high ground and wait for an hour or two when the rain is pouring. Most of the time, fresh flood will go away after an hour or two.

If you tried your luck in water: It is really bad. Anyway, do NOT stop. Drive at a constant speed using both your feet: right foot on accelerator, left foot slightly on the break (to keep break pad/disc from bending). You must drive your car all the way through the high water. If stop, water may flow into car’s engine through the muffler.

If your car goes dead in water: NEVER try to start the engine again, because electrical short will cause more than \$1,000 damage. Set transmission to neutral (N) and then push your car to high ground. Do not hesitate to ask for help.

Driving in heavy rain: Turn on headlights and wipers. Do not follow car in the front too close. Break early and slowly.

If you have to break hard: If your car does not have ABS, push the break down then release right away then push again... Thus, the wheels won’t lock dead and slide. If your car has ABS, break as usual and as hard as needed.

TV/Radio News: If there is fresh flood, TV/Radio always has live news coverage. Watch TV for a minute to find out where has flood before driving. Turn on radio and tune to a news station (such as *740KTRH*) while in the car to keep yourself up to date.