

CHANGE YOUR PEAK DRIVE



I-70 WINTER SAFETY



MOVE IT TO THE SHOULDER AFTER MINOR ACCIDENTS

- Colorado's "Move It" law requires motorists involved in minor accidents to **MOVE** your vehicle immediately out of traffic to a safe location when:
 - the vehicle is drivable
 - no drugs or alcohol are involved, and
 - there are no injuries
- Traffic accidents – not volume – account for as much as 60 percent of all traffic delays
- A minor accident that takes 10 minutes to clear can *delay traffic* up to **ONE HOUR**
- Just one lane blocked on a three lane road impacts a road's capacity more than 50 percent

Law enforcement and insurance companies *will not* penalize you for moving your car off the road.

EQUIP YOUR CAR WITH SAFE WINTER TIRES

Bald or worn tires cannot grip the road and can be extremely hazardous – think of tires as your lifeline in a car; the few square inches of rubber contacting the pavement is all that is between you and potential trouble

- In one day last winter, CDOT assisted 22 vehicles that spun out and blocked traffic or caused an accident
 - 19 out of those 22 had bald tires

WANT TO KNOW IF YOU NEED NEW TIRES? TAKE THE QUARTER TEST!

- Insert a quarter into the tire tread upside down, with Washington's head going in first
- If the top of George's head is covered by the tread, your tires are OK – do this test at multiple points around each tire
- If the top of his head is visible at any point around the tire, *you need new tires*



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FOLLOW COLORADO'S CHAIN LAWS

When a Chain Law is in effect, *you must have:*

- Snow tires with minimum 1/8" tread, or
- All weather tires with mud and snow (M/S) mark with 1/8" tread, or
- Four-wheel drive with 1/8" tread tires, or
- Traction device (chains, auto-sock, etc.)

Signage along the highway will alert drivers when a Chain Law is in effect

DRIVE SAFELY AROUND PLOWS AND TRUCKS

Plows are out and clearing roads for your safety

- Don't crowd the plow – give them the space they need to work
- Don't tailgate the plow – plows travel slowly and may need to suddenly stop
- You may see them, but they may not see you – a plow operator's field of vision is limited, so don't drive next to the plow for long periods
- If you must pass a plow, do NOT pass on the right or you'll be in the middle of snow, rock and debris

MAKE SURE YOU'RE PREPARED FOR MOTHER NATURE

- Clear snow from all windows and lights – you need to see and be seen
- Have a full supply of windshield deicer fluid
- Have an emergency kit:
 - Ice scraper/snow brush
 - Cat litter or sand for traction if you get stuck
 - A blanket, food and water
 - Flares
 - First aid kit
 - Extra clothing
 - Shovel
 - Alternative traction devices or chains
- If you are stranded, do NOT leave your vehicle - stay warm and make sure you have good ventilation

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SAFETY TIPS, HEAD TO:

- ColoradoDOT.info/travel/winter-driving
- CoTrip.org
- GoI70.com



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