

# Is This Car Safe to Drive?



What's wrong with this picture?



The driver in this photo isn't breaking any OSHA laws. OSHA doesn't say anything about clearing snow from vehicles. But many states do.

**Moral:** Warn your workers to clear accumulated snow from their roof, hood and trunks before driving to avoid blowing snow distractions that can result in fatal traffic accidents.

## Winter Driving: What's at Stake

### 3 Reasons to Pay Attention

1. Driving in snowy and icy conditions is dangerous enough
2. Snow that blows off your car while you're driving might blind you or another vehicle
3. In addition to causing potentially deadly accidents, failing to remove snow from your roof or hood before driving it can get you a traffic ticket and hefty fine

## 8 WINTER DRIVING DO'S & DON'Ts

Here are 8 things to do/not do to avoid winter traffic accidents

1. **DO** clear the snow and ice from the roof and hoods of your car before you drive—snow from the driveway has no place on the roads!
2. **DON'T** tailgate in any weather and especially when driving on snow and ice where you need extra space to brake
3. **DO** know and respect the limits of your vehicle, e.g., its tendency to fishtail in icy conditions
4. **DON'T** get out of your vehicle if you stall or get stuck if it's bitter cold unless you absolutely have to
5. **DO** check your tires before setting off
6. **DON'T** slam on the brakes during a skid
7. **DO** pump the brakes gently and steer into the skid (unless the driver's manual of your vehicle instructs you otherwise)
8. **DON'T** idle your vehicle for a long time with your windows up, especially if you're inside a garage or other enclosed space

**REMEMBER,**

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