

From chains to checklists,
what you need to know
before you go



MAKE YOUR JOURNEY SNOW SAFE

Watch to make sure your
journey is snow safe



Bus driving in alpine regions

SAFE TRANSPORT  VICTORIA

DRIVE SAFELY AND STAY PREPARED ←

MAKE SURE YOU LOOK AHEAD

- See and anticipate hazards to give yourself extra time
- Drive so you can safely stop within the distance you can see is clear

COMPLETE YOUR VEHICLE CHECK

By law, your bus must have the following items:

- A full dual circuit service braking system
- Quality aircon/demisting/heating systems - this ensures you are able to see out of the windscreen in bad weather conditions
- A spare wheel, jack, and wheel brace
- Wheel chains approved by VicRoads
- Wheel chocks
- A quality torch or portable light
- Open tread pattern tyres in roadworthy condition
- A shovel

RECOMMENDED FOR HAZARDOUS AREAS:

- At least 20 litres of gravel for traction
- Practice defensive driving by adapting to road conditions and the actions of others.

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CHAINS

- Use chains of an approved diamond pattern design
- Chains should be in good condition (not worn more than 50%)
- Make sure they wear evenly; wear on an angle indicates chains are too tight



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DRIVING TIPS

1. If the front wheels skid while turning, take your foot off the accelerator
2. In hazardous areas, the vehicle in the best position should give way
3. Fit chains when directed
4. Turn as wide as safety allows when rounding a bend
5. In case of breakdown, ask passengers to stay on board
6. Use a combination of park and auxiliary braking in icy conditions
7. In an emergency, ditching means deliberately running into a snowbank
8. Brakes may freeze in either the on or off position. brake gently and repeatedly to warm
9. Minimize gear changes in hazardous areas
10. Depress the clutch just before stopping in an emergency
11. Regain traction by reducing engine revs if lost
12. Use low beam headlights during abnormal atmospheric conditions
13. Practice the clutch friction point of unfamiliar vehicles before entering hazardous areas

As a driver, it is recommended that you wear quality insulated clothing.