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## Planning ahead for winter driving

The chance of being injured or killed in a motor vehicle crash in Alberta increases dramatically in the winter. The Lacombe Police Service wants to remind motorists to plan ahead and drive safely in winter conditions to avoid becoming a statistic.

Even though we in Canada cannot avoid the winter conditions, we can do our best to avoid collisions because of winter weather. Below are some winter driving tips to help you prepare for your journey:

- Get your car winterized so you're not caught in a winter storm unprepared.
- Consider buying winter tires for your vehicle.
- Ensure that you have a vehicle emergency kit stocked with blankets, extra clothing, sleeping bags, food, jumper cables and flashlights.
- Have an ice scraper broom in your vehicle to assist with the removal of snow and ice.
- Keep your windshield washer fluid topped up with windshield washer fluid.
- Keep your cell phone charged and have a charger with you at all times.
- Make sure you have a full tank of gas.
- Always notify someone of your estimated time of arrival and route you're taking.

We as Canadians area forced to deal with the weather Canada has to offer. We can reduce winter driving related statistics by driving for conditions and being prepared!

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