



# Dear Winter Hokkaido Visitors

Hokkaido in winter is full of seasonal attractions like winter sports and snow events! To enjoy winter safely, beware of accidents caused by snow.

## Protect yourself from accidents caused by snow

~Unfamiliar snowy and icy roads require extra caution~

### Safety tips for driving on winter roads

- ❑ Winter roads are slippery!
  - **Slow down** and keep plenty of distance between cars.
  - **NO Sudden acceleration, direction changes or braking.**
- ❑ Take extra care at intersections against collisions! Always **Check traffic and stop signs.**
- ❑ Driving while looking at a smartphone or inattentive driving is extremely dangerous.



### Safety tips for walking on winter roads



- ❑ Watch out for slippery areas! **Sloping areas and areas of snow compacted by vehicle and foot traffic** are especially slippery.
- ❑ Wearing **hats and gloves** helps **prevent injury** from falls.
- ❑ Keeping your stride short and walking slowly **“like a penguin”** can help prevent falls.
- ❑ Beware of **falling snow!** Watch out for snow falling off roofs!



### Safety tips when enjoying winter activities

- ❑ Check the weather information in advance. Mountain weather is changeable.
- ❑ Always carry a radio/GPS or mobile phone with you in case you get lost.
- ❑ Check the course first and do not enter restricted areas!
- ❑ If you get lost, do not move around. Stay in place and **Call or radio for help!**



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Useful links for winter: <https://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/sm/ktk/bsb/133369.html>

Drive Hokkaido - Basic knowledge of traffic safety: <https://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ks/dms/kat/safety-drive/index.html>