



# Safe Driving Tips

## Driving in Rain and Fog

### Did You Know?

“April showers bring May flowers” but inclement weather also presents challenges for new teen drivers. Wet roads and/or fog add complexity to driving:

- Driving too fast for the conditions and obscured vision due to weather or other issues are the #2 and #10 factors, respectively in fatal crashes (National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration study)
- Hydroplaning (where water between the roadway and your tires adversely affects your ability to drive or steer) can occur at speeds as low as 30 mph!

Practice driving in such conditions, if done properly, can improve a student’s depth of experience and make them safer drivers.

### What You Can Do

We suggest all drivers do the following in adverse weather conditions:

- Reduce your speed – remember that speed limits are set for *ideal* conditions
- Increase your following distance (from the normal 3 seconds from the vehicle in front of you to 5 seconds or more)
- Brake smoothly, evenly and early
- Try to avoid standing water; if safe to do so, change lanes
- Use your low beams to make yourself more visible (day and night) we encourage you to have your teen practice driving in such conditions – but only when you feel it is safe and they are adequately prepared to do so. For additional guidance for parents when coaching their teens in the car, go to <http://coaching.topdriver.com>

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