

# Safety Tips for Fall Driving

The fall season means shorter days and less daylight which brings additional safety issues.

## Factors to be aware of when driving in the dark:

- The risk of a fatal crash is **three times greater at night** \*
- Depth perception, color recognition and peripheral vision can be compromised in the dark
- The glare or headlights from an oncoming car can temporarily blind a driver

## Tips for driving in the dark:

- Be sure headlights are aimed correctly
- Look away from oncoming lights
- Ensure your vehicle receives regular maintenance and the windshield is clean
- Maintain safe speed and increased distance from the vehicle ahead of you

## Other things to be aware of when driving during the fall

- Fallen leaves can cause slippery driving conditions
- Fall means back-to-school; watch out for children at bus stops
- Watch for deer or other animals, who are more likely to run into the road during the fall

\*National Safety Council

If you are fatigued or impaired, don't drive.

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