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### Winter Driving Has Many Perils For Motorists

December, with the highest accident rate of all, is the most dangerous month in the year for American motorists, according to Julien H. Harvey, managing director of the National Conservation Bureau, accident prevention division of the Association of Casualty and Surety Executives.

For motorists who would avoid the winter casualty lists, Mr. Harvey recommends the following rules:

Reduce average speed below that used in months when there is no snow or ice.

Reduce night speed below daytime speed.

Drive steadily, avoiding sudden starts, stops and turns.

Watch out for children on sleds, especially where roads are hilly.

Keep brakes and air pressure in all tires equalized.

Remember that pedestrians will be wearing dark clothing and will be less visible, so slow down and be particularly watchful at crossings.

Since stopping on ice requires about 5 times as great a distance as stopping on dry pavement, allow a considerable stretch for stopping.

Apply brakes gradually and use second gear to help slow down the car, especially when going down hill.

Keep the windshield wiper and defroster in good condition; always check them before starting on a trip.

Use chains on packed snow or ice, but do not depend on them to save you from trouble at high speed.

Do your driving during day-light hours as much as possible, keeping in mind that there are from 3 to 4 hours less daylight during the winter than during the summer months.

"The pedestrian also needs to be reminded of special hazards during winter," Mr. Harvey added. "For instance, deaths among pedestrians are particularly concentrated during hours of darkness. This means that to be safe the walker must realize that the driver's visibility is drastically curtailed at night. The pedestrian should be specially careful not to step into the roadway before making sure that no vehicle is close. He should observe, at night even more than in the daytime, the rule of crossing only at intersections. In walking along highways in open country, he should face traffic and keep off the travelled portion of the pavement as much as possible.

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