



Winter Weather Safety Checklist

for Parcel Delivery Drivers



1. Pre-Trip Preparations

Inspect Vehicles

- ☐ Implement daily vehicle inspections to check tire pressure, tread depth, windshield wipers, lights, and fluid levels.
- ☐ Ensure vehicles are equipped with the right emergency and snow-related equipment, including:
 - Jumper cables, a flashlight, and extra batteries.
 - Ice scraper, snow brush, and shovel.
 - Tire chains, if required for your area.

Install Safety Enhancements

- ☐ Install grip tape on runner boards and other vehicle entry points to reduce slips.
- ☐ **Attach exterior lighting** to increase visibility when entering or exiting the vehicle.
- ☐ Ensure steps are available and in good working order.

Conduct Daily Safety Briefings

- ☐ Hold briefings to review weather conditions and driving hazards.
- ☐ Reinforce key safety habits:
 - Device-free when entering or exiting the vehicle.
 - Use the proper point of exit for the vehicle.
 - Three points of contact when possible.
 - Scan for hazards.

✓ Pro Tip

Worker injuries increase by up to 10% on wet and freezing days compared to milder weather. Colder, wet conditions result in demonstrably more slip and fall injuries.



2. Safe Uniform and Footwear

- ☐ Make safety shoes a mandatory part of your uniform policy.
- ☐ Share [a list of approved safety shoes](#) with your drivers.
- ☐ Encourage drivers to use [their \\$110 annual Zappos credit](#) to purchase new, slip-resistant shoes.

✓ Pro Tip

The average claims cost for a slip or fall injury is \$51,047 according to NCCI data.

3. On the Road

- ☐ Set expectations for reduced speeds and increased stopping distances in icy or snowy conditions.
- ☐ Emphasize the importance of avoiding sudden movements like sharp turns and hard braking.
- ☐ Encourage drivers to use low beams during snow or fog to improve visibility.
- ☐ Ensure drivers clear snow from all vehicle surfaces to maintain visibility and safety on the road.

4. Emergency Preparedness

- ☐ Provide drivers with clear instructions of what to do if they get stuck or stranded, including when to stay with the vehicle and how to call for assistance.
- ☐ Ensure emergency numbers and roadside assistance contacts are easily accessible.
- ☐ Ensure drivers have fully charged phones before starting their route.
- ☐ Remind drivers to fill up their tank if it's at or below 1/2 full.
- ☐ Carry blankets, warm clothing, and water in case the vehicle breaks down.

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List



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