



Driving in the Rain - HYDROPLANING

Vehicle accidents are happening daily across all type of industries and construction trades. One major contributing factor to these accidents is driving in rainy conditions. In this tailgate we are going to talk about tips to use when you find yourself behind the wheel on a rainy day.

SHOW & TELL FORMAT: (should be done in a parking lot) SHOW each technique and TELL the group what the technique is. Go to your yard area and walk the drivers through the steps listed below. Use your vehicle as your platform to present the techniques, especially how to apply pressure for anti-locking and non-anti-locking brakes (HAVE YOUR OWNER’S MANUAL HANDY).

Hydroplaning occurs when water in front of the tires builds up faster than the vehicle weight can push it out of the way, which causes the vehicle to ride on a thin layer of water and completely loose contact with the road. Here are some tips to use to reduce the likelihood of hydroplaning and how to respond if it does occur:

1. Keep your tires properly inflated & maintain good tread on your vehicle.
2. SLOW down on wet roads, even when it first starts to rain.
3. Try to drive in the tracks created by the vehicle in front of you.
4. Do not brake or turn suddenly if you find yourself hydroplaning.
5. For cars without anti-lock brakes, take your foot off the gas & brake with light pumping actions.
5. For cars with antilock brakes, maintain a steady pressure on your brakes (the brakes system is designed to mimic the pumping action).
6. To prevent the hydroplaning in the first place-SLOW DOWN. Drive at speeds that are safe for the road conditions.
7. What type of brakes does your vehicle have? Know your vehicle.

Please refer to your owner’s manual for details on how to make sure these items are done correctly for the vehicle you are using.

SHOW: (Choose a volunteer) Have one worker show you one or two of the TIPS listed above.

Employee’s Signature: _____ Date: / /

Presenter’s Signature _____ Date: / /

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