

## WORKSAFELY MHCA SAFETY TALK

## **Black ice awareness**

Black ice is transparent, matching the color of the road, so it's difficult to detect and harder to react to when driving.

## What's the danger?

- Less reaction time to control skids
- Forms when the sun's not out and warming the road
- Forms easily on bridges
- Reduced daylight hours make it difficult to detect black ice
- Freezing rain and wind form black ice on roadways

## **Protect yourself**

- Take your time and drive with caution in conditions where black ice forms
- Reduce your speed significantly and be aware of oncoming traffic
- Avoid using cruise control
- Plan your route ahead of time
- Check the road conditions before leaving
- Avoid travel when weather warnings are issued
- Travel during daylight hours when possible
- At a slow speed, test road conditions by gently applying breaks
- Use winter tires if available

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