

## **NO SKIDDING AROUND**

### **HOW TO STAY SAFE WHEN A SKID HAPPENS**

One of the most dangerous driving situations you'll ever find yourself in is skidding on a wet or icy road. When your vehicle suddenly starts to skid, you have very little time to think about what to do and what not to do. Your response to a skidding situation should be automatic.

To help keep a skid from becoming a tragic collision, you must know what to do in advance. .

#### **IF A SKID HAPPENS ...**

- ▶ **Keep yourself under control.** Drivers who cannot control themselves in an emergency will have more trouble. Keeping under control should be second nature to the professional driver.
- ▶ **Don't slam on the brakes.** This can lock the wheels, cause loss of traction, and actually increase the skid.
- ▶ **Steer in the direction of the skid.** For example, if the rear end of the vehicle is sliding to the left, turn your steering wheel to the left until the vehicle straightens out. As the vehicle straightens, turn the wheels back in the direction you want to go.
- ▶ **Don't over steer.** Turning the steering wheel too far whips the rear end into a skid in the opposite direction.
- ▶ **Keep the vehicle in gear.** This helps reduce speed and produces maximum control.
- ▶ **Don't overreact.** Over steering, braking or accelerating too hard can cause the skid to worsen and lessen your control.

***IT TAKES TWO OR THREE TIMES THE NORMAL DISTANCE TO STOP ON SLIPPERY STREETS.  
WHEN ROADS ARE ICY OR WET, HOLD DOWN YOUR SPEED AND AVOID ANY SUDDEN  
MOVEMENTS.***

