FLOOD AND SAFETY SWSDOT



WET WEATHER DRIVING TIPS:

- Slow down
- Leave extra room between cars
- Allow extra time to reach destinations
- Turn on headlights
- Watch for water pooling on the roadway
- Turn off cruise control

6 INCHES

of water is enough to knock a person down and will stall most vehicles.

Can't see the road, don't drive through the water.

If floodwaters surround your car but the water is not moving, abandon your car, seek high ground and call for help. If water is

moving, do not leave your car.

1 FOOT

of water can make you lose control of your vehicle.

2 FEET

of water can sweep a vehicle away – even SUVs and trucks. **Obey detour** and closure signs. NEVER drive around a barricade.



HYDROPLANING RECOVERY

- Don't panic
- Avoid hard braking and quick turns
- Ease off gas, lightly pump brakes (or use consistent pressure if ABS)



DOWNED POWER LINES

- Stay far away from downed power lines and call 911.
- Always assume a power line is live.
- Do not touch anything or anyone in contact with a fallen power line or other equipment.
- If a downed power line touches your car, stay inside. Honk your horn, roll down your window and call for help or call 911. Wait for fire department or utility workers to tell you it's safe to exit.
- If you must leave due to fire risk: remove loose clothing, jump clear of the vehicle so you're not touching the vehicle when you land; shuffle away without picking up your feet.

TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN

Do not drive or walk through standing water if you can't tell how deep it is. Water hides missing or washed out pieces of road.