

Meet Today's Webinar Team



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Laurelle is a training consultant for Texas Mutual's safety services department. She conducts webinars, presentations and creates e-Learning content for our policyholders and internal departments. Laurelle holds a bachelor's and master's degree in anthropology from California State University Fullerton.



Presenter: Ashley Mikytuck

Ashley is a technical writer for Texas Mutual's safety services department. She joined the safety services support center in early 2015 as a safety representative and is now assisting the department with written safety content. Ashley holds a bachelor's degree in urban studies from the University of Texas.



Moderator: Gregory Williams

Gregory is a safety services representative for Texas Mutual's safety services support center. He conducts virtual, telephonic safety surveys with our small business owners to help provide guidance in their workplace safety efforts. Gregory holds an associate of applied science in occupational safety and environmental technology from Odessa College and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

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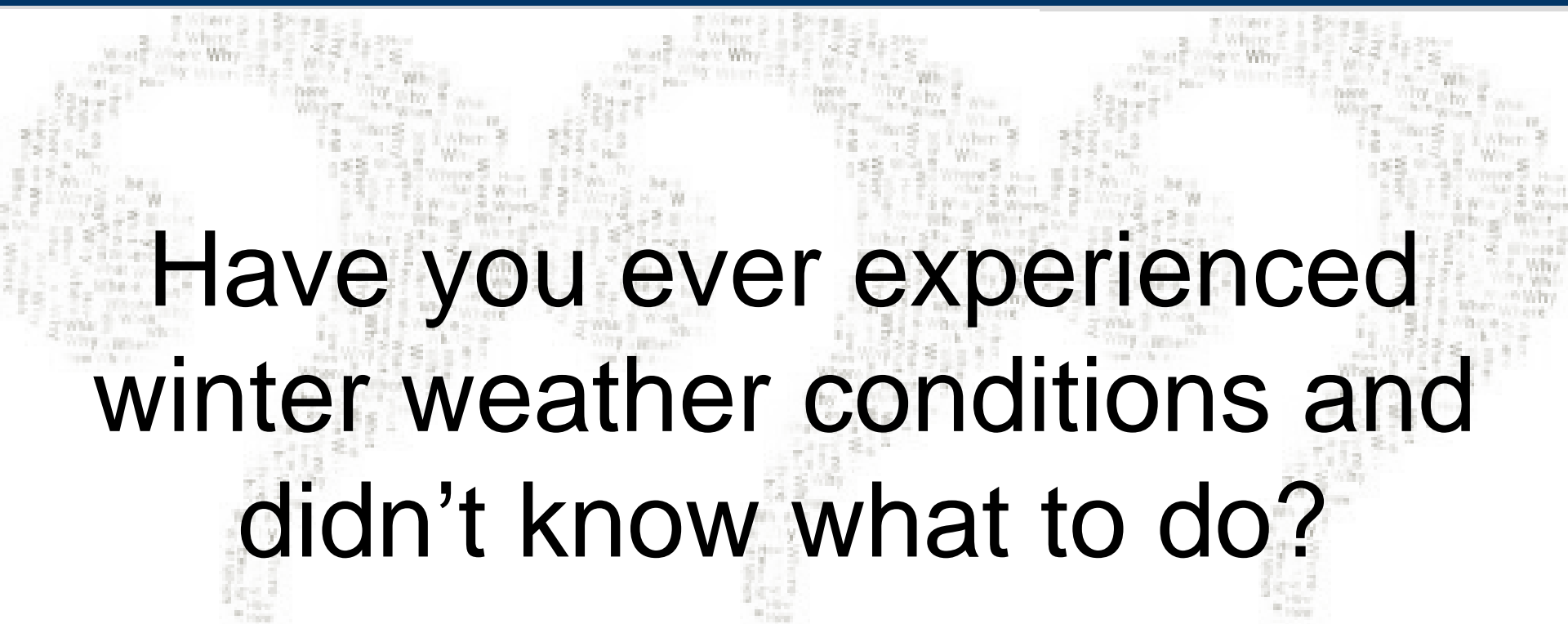
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**Have you ever experienced
winter weather conditions and
didn't know what to do?**



Winterizing your car

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Winterizing your car



Have a mechanic check:

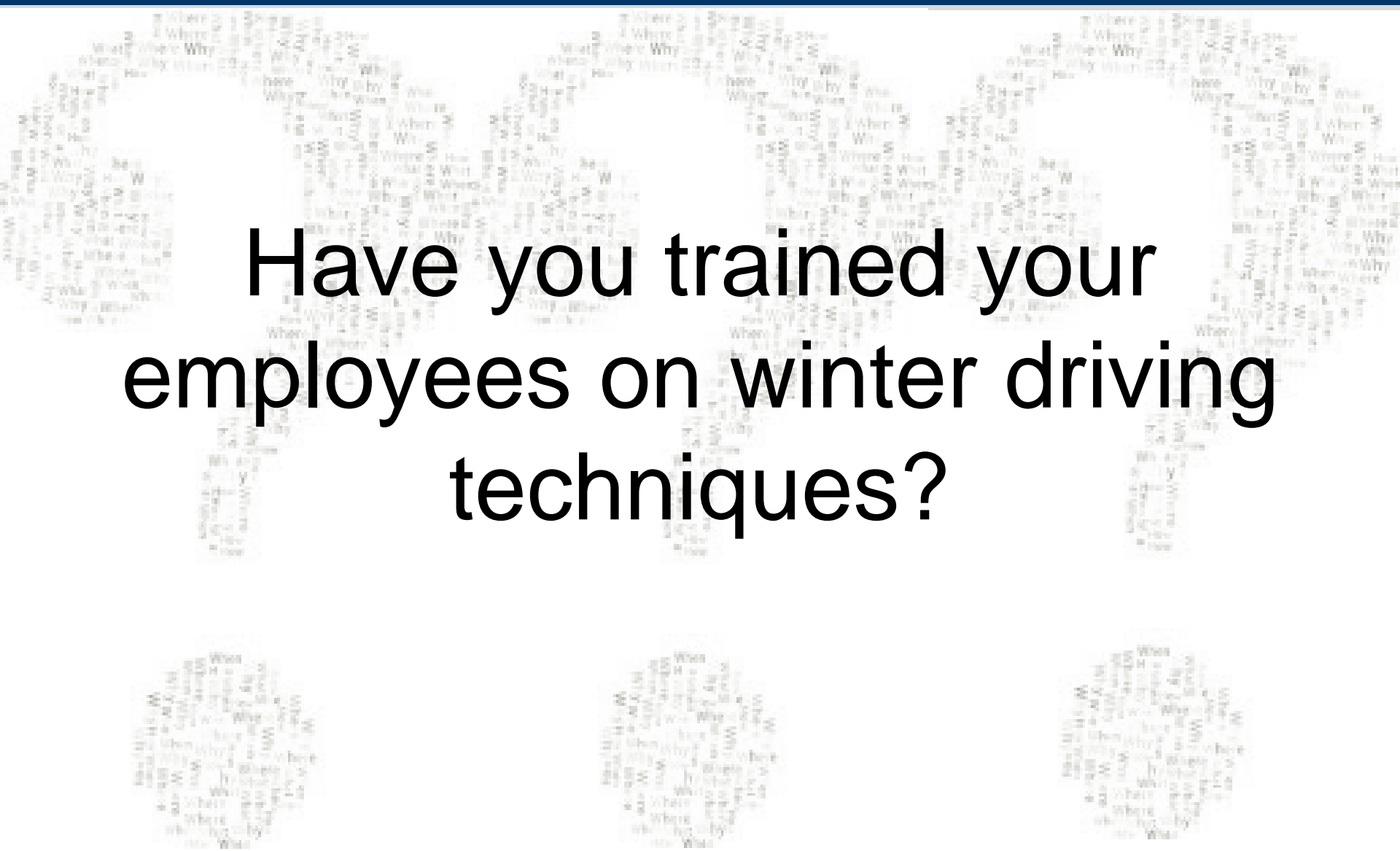
- ✓ Battery
- ✓ Tires
- ✓ Fluid levels
- ✓ Brakes
- ✓ Heater
- ✓ Exhaust system
- ✓ Lights

Emergency road kit



- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ Cell phone
battery/charger
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Jumper cables
- ✓ Blanket/sleeping bag
- ✓ Warm clothes
- ✓ Ice scraper
- ✓ Radio (hand crank or
battery operated)
- ✓ Flares
- ✓ Spare tire

Survey question



**Have you trained your
employees on winter driving
techniques?**

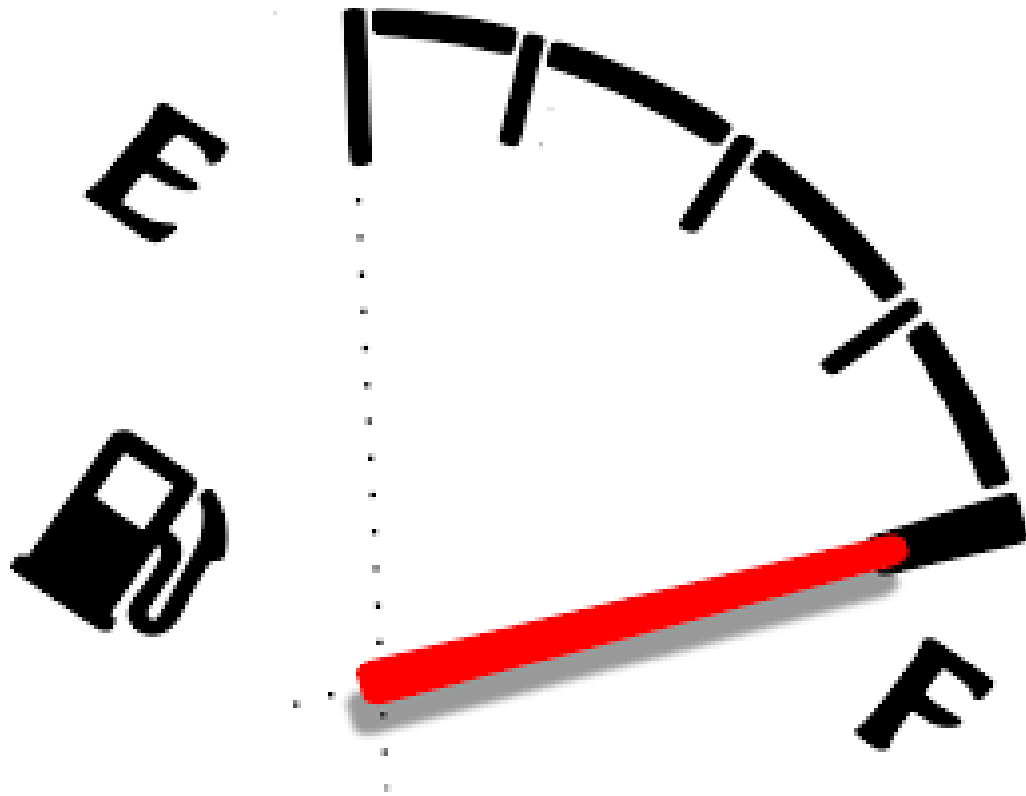


Winter driving tips

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Driving tips



Keep your gas tank full.

Driving tips



Allow for extra travel time.

Driving tips



Clear snow and ice off of your windows, mirrors and lights.

Driving tips



Use your lights properly.

Driving tips



Slow down and increase your following distance.

Driving tips



In snowy conditions, drive in the tracks of the car ahead of you.

Driving tips



Avoid using cruise control in inclement weather.

Driving tips



Keep an eye out for
downed trees and
power lines in the road.

Driving tips



Don't drive through flooded areas.

Driving tips



Know when to brake and when to steer.

Driving tips



Brake early and slowly instead of slamming on the brakes.

Driving tips



If you start to skid,
don't panic.

Driving tips



Use caution when driving over bridges or overpasses.

Driving tips



Drive distraction free.

Driving tips



Know how to handle a hydroplane.

Driving tips



Remember this trick if you're stuck in snow.

Driving tips



Stay in your vehicle if you become stranded or stalled on a roadway.

Defensive driving to avoid collisions

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Defensive driving in winter weather



Steer around stalled vehicles or collisions.

Defensive driving in winter weather



Be prepared to move when a vehicle is approaching head-on.

Defensive driving in winter weather



Slow down gradually if someone is tailgating you.

Are you prepared?

Staying informed

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Be weather aware



Check weather conditions
along the route

[Weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov)

Winter weather alerts



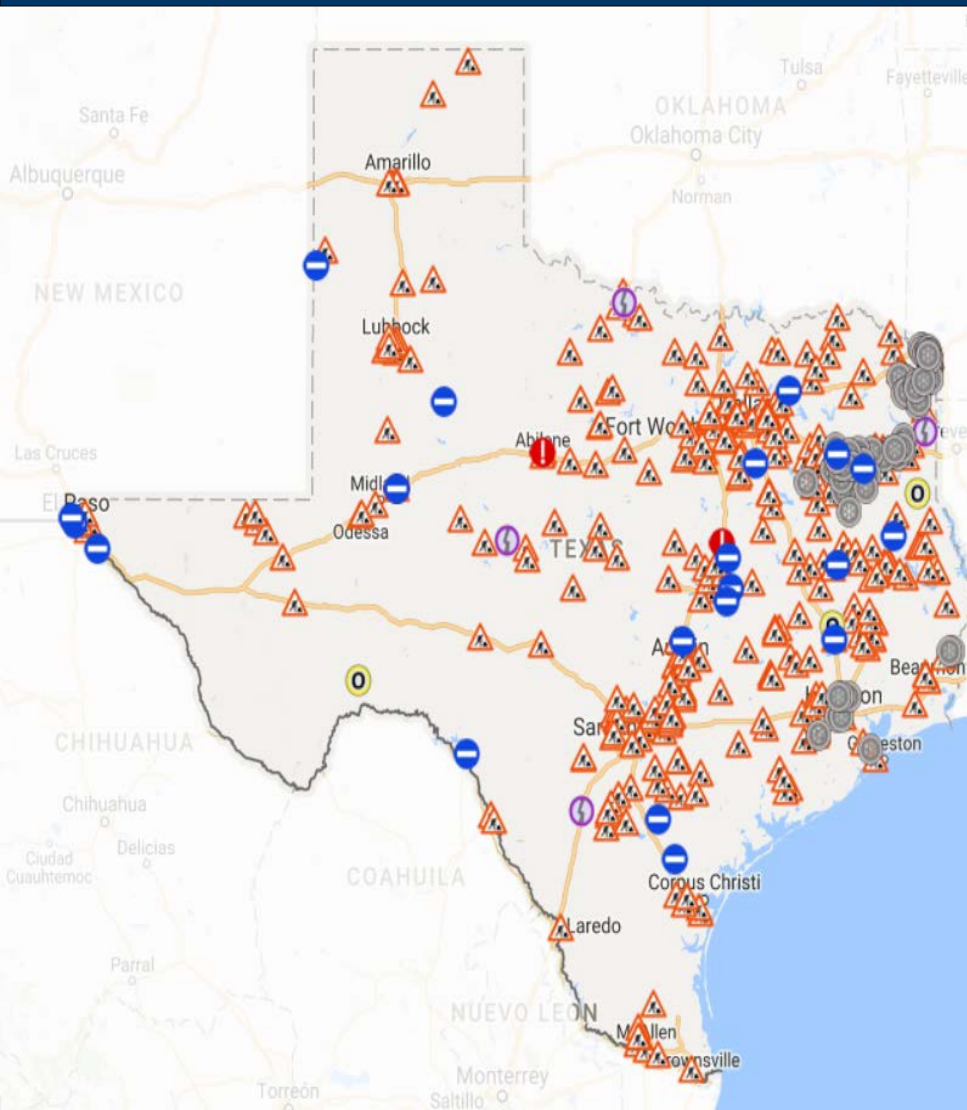
Outlooks

Advisories

Watches

Warning

Road preparedness



Check the road conditions before you head out.

- drivetexas.org
- 800.452.9292

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Check the road conditions before you head out.

- The Weather Channel app
- Weather.com

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