

Dear Visitors to Hokkaido in Winter

Want to fully enjoy winter Hokkaido with winter sports and snow events?
Then watch out for snow accidents and enjoy it safely!

Protect yourself from snow accidents!

Unfamiliar snowy and icy roads require extra caution.

Be careful when driving on winter roads!

- * Winter roads are slippery!
 - **Slow down** and keep enough distance between cars.
 - **NEVER suddenly accelerate, steer, or brake.**
- * Take an extra care for intersection collisions! Always **Check traffic signs.**
- * Driving while looking at a smartphone or inattentive driving is extremely dangerous.



Be careful when walking on winter roads!



- * Pay extra attention for slippery parts!
Slopes and pressed snow roads are especially slippery.
- * **Hats and gloves prevent injury** from falls.
- * Shortening your step length and **walking like a penguin** can prevent falls.
- * Beware of roof avalanches! Blocks of snow may fall from roofs.



Be careful when enjoying winter activities!

- * Check the weather information in advance. Mountain weather is changeable.
- * Be sure to carry a walkie-talkie or a mobile phone with you in case you get lost.
- * Check the course first and do not enter restricted areas!
- * If you get lost, do not move around. **Call for help on your mobile phone!**



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Useful links for winter: <https://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/sm/ktk/bsb/133369.html>

Drive Hokkaido - Basic knowledge of traffic safety: <https://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ks/dms/kat/safety-drive/index.html>