

VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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BETTER HIGHWAYS: SAVE LIVES, SAVE TIME, SAVE MONEY

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WINTER SAFETY

THE ROAD COMMISSION WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .

During the winter months, the Van Buren County Road Commission performs many duties, but snow and ice control are the most noticeable. When you consider the working conditions, including visibility and traffic, they are probably the most dangerous. That's why it is very important for residents, especially children and newly licensed drivers, to know what they can do to help snow plow operators.

- * Don't build snow forts, make tunnels, or play in or on snow banks next to roads.
- * Keep **well away** from the edge of the roadway as you wait for the school bus, get the mail, or watch the plow trucks.
- * Stay away from the end of a driveway when a snow plow is approaching
- * Keep sleds and toys away from the roadways at all times.
- * Keep garbage cans up in the driveway if it snows on garbage collection day.
- * Wear your seatbelt and always allow extra time to reach your destination - especially on snowy days.
- * Don't attempt to pass a snow plow vehicle while they're plowing.
- * Plow drivers have limited visibility and they cannot see directly behind their trucks. Plus, plows can suddenly move sideways from hitting drifts or by cutting through packed snow. Motorists are advised not to travel next to a plow.
- * Don't crowd the plow!

We all share in the responsibility of keeping our children safe!

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