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The NASCAR Cup Series Returned To Michigan International Speedway

The NASCAR Cup Series returned to Michigan International Speedway August 22, 2021 for the Firekeepers Casino 400! Michael McDowell drove the No. 34 car sponsored by our fuel provider Love's Travel Stops and MTS. Michael McDowell drove well, placing 20th. Ryan Blaney of the No. 12 car took 1st.



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Michael McDowell drives the No. 34 Ford for Front Row Motorsports in the NASCAR Cup Series. McDowell is in his fourth season with Front Row, having joined the team prior to the 2018 season. In his 358th career start, McDowell scored his first Cup Series win in the 2021 season-opening Daytona 500. His best result prior to that was a fourth-place finish at Daytona International Speedway in 2017. McDowell also has a win in the NASCAR Xfinity Series -- 2016 at Road America.

Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Michigan, boasts a proud, 50-year history of hosting America's best racing action on its 1,400-plus acres in the scenic Irish Hills. With 18 degree banking and 73-foot wide sweeping turns, Michigan International Speedway provides drivers with three and four grooves to run around the two-mile speedway.



Trucking Industry Takes National Spotlight During NASCAR Race

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Trucking Moves America Forward and Industry Mascot was featured on The Pilot Flying J Chevrolet in the NASCAR Race on August 21.

Trucking Moves America Forward (TMAF), an education and image movement to bring awareness to the importance of the trucking industry, announced that it will be a featured brand on the No. 1 Pilot Flying J Chevrolet in the NASCAR Xfinity Series event at the Michigan International Speedway on Saturday, August 21. The industry mascot, "Safety Sammy" was also in the grandstands prior to the race to greet race fans.

Pilot Flying J invited TMAF to be part of their racecar branding which featured the TMAF logo and #ThankATrucker campaign social media hashtag to support education about the trucking industry and demonstrate support for America's 3.6 million professional truck drivers. TMAF's industry mascot, Safety Sammy, will be featured on the rear of the car waving to the crowd.

Kevin Burch, co-chairman of TMAF, former ATA Chair and vice president of sales and governmental affairs at Martin Transportation Systems (MTS) said, "Presenting the #ThankATrucker message on The Pilot Flying J Chevrolet is a new and exciting opportunity to

spread the industry message of essentiality on a national stage. We thank Pilot Flying J, one of TMAF's first and most steadfast financial supporters since our launch, for providing TMAF with the opportunity to expand our reach and show why it's important to show gratitude for America's truck drivers."

During TMAF's inception in 2013, Pilot Flying J was a launch supporter and has continued its strong involvement in the organization by contributing a total of \$3 million over the last seven years and with Wendy Hamilton, senior manager of Operations and Support for Pilot Company, serving as a TMAF board member. This year, Pilot Flying J is donating \$150,000 to TMAF along with the in-kind sponsorship of the TMAF branded No. 1 Pilot Flying J Chevrolet.

"The men and women of the trucking industry are heroes. They are the heartbeat of our supply chain and we are thankful every day for their dedication to delivering the goods that we all depend on," said Hamilton. "Pilot Flying J is grateful to TMAF for shining a light on the importance of professional drivers and the industry. We are proud to showcase how essential trucking is by bringing TMAF to the track on the No. 1 Pilot Flying J Chevrolet and hope it helps raise appreciation for all that professional drivers do to keep the country moving."



Welcome Adam Freytag To The MTS Team!



Adam Freytag recently joined Martin Transportation Systems as the Digital Marketing Specialist. He will be responsible for creating themes and branding strategies which engage the current workforce and attract new qualified employees to join the team. Communicate the organizational mission, vision, and culture to employees and customers with effective use of social media and digital technology campaigns.

Adam graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Graphic Design and Marketing from Kendall College of Art and Design. He brings over 16 years of Graphic Design and Marketing experience and has a broad range of skills from photography and advertising to web design and video production. Adam enjoys learning new things and is always looking to grow as a designer.

Adam and his wife Lindsay live in Hudsonville, MI with their three kids (Gianna, Rowan, and Everett) and their French Bulldog Cooper. In their spare time, they enjoy outdoor activities, playing with their kids, and watching their kids play soccer.

Congratulations To Bud Bailey!

After 34 years of dedicated service and hard work, Corporate Maintenance Director Bud Bailey decided to retire! We celebrated with a little party, which included lunch, gifts, and cake. Thank you for your hard work and dedication over the years!





Three steps to immediate care if you have a non-emergency injury at work:

1. Report your injury to your supervisor and safety.
2. Call to speak to a Registered Nurse.
3. Provide employer account number to the nurse.

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Hygiene Tips While On The Road

By Mary Stachura
(Claims Manager at MTS)



Most drivers want to look and feel great on the road and not feel like they're homeless and smell as if they haven't bathed in days! Simple hygiene tasks like shaving, brushing your teeth, and washing your face can be difficult. It's necessary to take advantage of the showers available at truck stops. However, it's not always possible so here's how to stay fresh when you're on the road.

1. An oral care kit is a must-have for all professional drivers. If your breath is not fresh, people are not going to be comfortable around you - and you won't feel your best. While brushing in your rig is not easy, it is not impossible. Consider creating a kit that contains mouth rinse, a small mirror, toothbrush, toothpaste, and disposable floss picks. Have a small bowl or cup of water available for wetting your brush and rinsing.



2. When there are no truck stop facilities available, it does not take long to feel grungy. Baby wipes, dry shampoo, deodorant, and deodorant body spray are your best friends. Even if you do not have access to a sink, shower, and soap, these items can be used to help you wash up and feel fresh.



3. A shaving kit should include a spray bottle filled with water, shaving cream, a razor, and a small towel. Simply spray the face or legs with water and apply shaving cream. A small cup of water can be used for rinsing the razor and the towel is perfect for wiping away stray hairs and shaving cream residue.



With a little effort, we can all feel great and ready to represent MTS.

Follow MTS On Social Media!

If you haven't already, you should like, follow, and share MTS on social media. Find out what positions are available and stay in-the-know to what is going on at MTS. YouTube channel coming soon!



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Affiliated firms Martin Transportation Systems and Bay/MPS provide Bay Logistics with transportation and quality containment expertise, augmenting Bay's capacity for delivering comprehensive total solutions.



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DRIVER SAFETY

BACK TO SCHOOL



Back-To-School Safety

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As summer comes to a close, children of all ages are returning to school. With more people driving on the interstates and more children walking on the side of the road or waiting for school buses, expect to see a lot more people on the roads and a lot more erratic driving.

According to a report by the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHSTA), autumn is the most dangerous time of year for pedestrians, with 29% of all pedestrian-related fatalities. Pedestrian-vehicle injuries are a leading cause of death for children ages 5-14, so keep these refresher tips in mind this coming fall:

- Plan your trips to give yourself a little extra time to handle the increased congestion that may occur during school hours, particularly around school zones.
- Be aware of school zones. Get in the habit of noticing where school zones and crosswalks are on routes you normally take.
- Obey crossing guards.

- Stop for school bus lights. Always stop for school buses with flashing red lights. Drivers approaching a bus must come to a complete stop when the red lights are on.
- Be careful around parked vehicles, especially those parked on the side of the road. Children waiting to cross may be especially difficult to see in these situations.
- Turn your headlights on. Drive with headlights on in areas with children and pedestrians.
- Avoid using cellphones when driving.
- Avoid reversing. Try to avoid reversing your vehicle in areas with children. It is more difficult to see small children and attend to your vehicle's blind spots while in reverse.
- Don't speed. Remember the speed limit in most school zones during school times or when children are present is 25 MPH.
- Don't honk at pedestrians or bicyclists. Honking at a child, whether on foot or on a bicycle, is generally not a good idea. The noise could cause the startled child to trip or fall and be in a dangerous position for other approaching traffic.



What would happen if truck drivers disappeared?

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In the United States, \$700.4 billion worth of goods is moved by trucks daily. What would the world look like with no truck drivers?



WITHIN 24 HOURS

All mail delivery would cease. Hospitals would begin running low of basic medical supplies.



WITHIN 48 HOURS

Gas supplies will start to run low. Food supplies in stores would dwindle and prices would rise.



WITHIN 72 HOURS

The essentials like bread, milk, water, and canned goods would run out. ATMs and banks would run out of cash and not be able to complete transactions. Garbage would start piling up.



WITHIN A WEEK

All automobile travel and public transportation would stop. Hospitals would have depleted medical supplies.



WITHIN 2 WEEKS

All clean water supplies would run dry.



WITHIN 4 WEEKS

Most manufacturers would have to shut down due to lack of components, leaving millions out of work.



WITHIN ONE MONTH

The country would be totally disabled and in complete chaos.

The bottom line: Truck drivers matter to our every day lives!

July Corporate Driver Of The Month (**Maria Cortes**)



Martin Transportation Systems wishes to congratulate Maria Cortes from our Grand Prairie, TX terminal for becoming Corporate Driver of the Month for July 2021.

Per Terminal Manager Patrick Dunaway, Maria has been a valuable employee since 2015. She is a single mom raising three children, and she “always shows up on time and with a smile that generates such a positive atmosphere with her fellow employees,” Patrick said.

Patrick continued: “Working with Maria on a daily basis is a genuine joy as she promotes MTS values and ethics. She promotes the company to drivers for other companies to bring them to the MTS Family!”

“Maria is a great role model for her children, and the MTS Family,” Patrick concluded. “I am proud to have Maria as part of my team. She is always so willing to help out any fellow team member if needed. Maria goes above and beyond daily to help the entire MTS team succeed.”

Thank you Maria for your hard work and dedication!

August Corporate Driver Of The Month (**Jamie Johnson**)



Martin Transportation Systems wishes to congratulate Jamie Johnson from our Marshall, MI terminal for becoming Corporate Driver of the Month for August 2021.

Jamie has been operating out of the MTS Marshall, MI, terminal for 8 years.

Terminal Manager Leslie Pickens said, “Jamie is a very kind and courteous driver. Jamie goes through his truck and trailer with a fine-tooth comb and gets whatever he needs repaired.

“His truck is always clean and free of clutter. If there are problems out on the road, Jamie is the first one to call and let us know, so we can let other drivers know,” Leslie continued. “Jamie comes to work daily, and we never have a problem with him working a weekend.”

Leslie added that Jamie is a dad raising 4 girls and 1 boy and she joked, “Jamie is a lucky guy. Every cookout we have, Jamie always wins the best door prize!”

Thank you Jamie for your hard work and dedication!

July Terminal Drivers Of The Month!

Help us congratulate the finalists who are named Terminal Drivers of the Month for July 2021.

CONGRATULATIONS!

- Adam Kieb - Flint, MI
- Anthony Reynolds - Dayton, OH
- Gerry Goetsch - Riverton, IL
- Sheikh Drame - Louisville, KY
- Duane Wahl - Port Huron, MI
- Scott Cole - Indianapolis, IN
- Field Walters - St. Louis, MO
- Robbie Williams - Bowling Green, OH
- James Reyes - Kansas City, KS
- Jeff Moore - Lima, OH
- Nile Baker - Marion, IN
- Paul Wilhelmi - Toledo, OH
- Ronald Honaker - White Pine, TN
- Deborah Wallace - Cleveland, OH
- Simon Robles - Grand Prairie, TX
- Michael Strang - Lansing, MI
- Tiffany Jefferson - Little Rock, AR
- Donald Anderson - Marshall, MI
- Marvin Rhoads - Spring Hill, TN
- Bonnie M. Hawkins - Windsor, ON
- Tammy Allen - Bertrand, MO
- Jon McDowell - Byron Center, MI
- Wallace Sampson - Cadillac, MI

These drivers will receive a Driver of the Month certificate. They will still be eligible in the coming months to win Corporate Driver of the Month, as long as they continue to meet the criteria.

August Terminal Drivers Of The Month!

Help us congratulate the finalists who are named Terminal Drivers of the Month for August 2021.

CONGRATULATIONS!

- Spencer Castle - Flint, MI
- Sheikh Drame - Louisville, KY
- Tra Whitney - St. Louis, MO
- Jeff Moore - Lima, OH
- Tony Liedtke - White Pine, TN
- Michael Palmer - Lansing, MI
- Marvin Rhoads - Spring Hill, TN
- Jon McDowell - Byron Center, MI
- Anthony Reynolds - Dayton, OH
- Duane Wahl - Port Huron, MI
- Robbie Williams - Bowling Green, OH
- Jeffery Altman Jr. - Marion, IN
- Charles Berry - Cleveland, OH
- David Jones - Little Rock, AR
- Surab Istefan - Windsor, ON
- Larry Hector - Cadillac, MI
- Terris Sanders - Indianapolis, IN
- James Reyes - Kansas City, KS
- Paul Wilhelmi - Toledo, OH
- Duane Hill - Grand Prairie, TX
- Victor Patheal - Riverton, IL
- Jason Allen - Bertrand, MO

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The Importance Of Post-Trip Inspections

trucker.com

By Gino Fontana

(COO at Transervice Logistics, Inc.)

We tend to talk about pre- and post-trip inspections in one breath, almost as if they are the same thing. I understand, of course, that the driver probably is using the same inspection form and following the same process to complete both the pre- and post-trip inspection, but I am going to go out on a limb and to say that of the two inspections, the post-trip may be more important than the pre-trip.

There are a couple of reasons for that view. First, post-trip inspections are completed after drivers are done driving for the day. They have been in the truck for a number of hours and, as a result, have firsthand knowledge of how the truck has been behaving and where they felt something was not quite right. Experienced drivers are especially good at being able to know when the truck does not “feel right.” And in some cases, can even offer suggestions on what they think might be wrong based on how the trucks feel to them.

With this knowledge, they may pay a little more attention to the area of the vehicle from which they suspect the problem stems. I do not mean to imply that drivers don't give pre-trip inspections their complete attention. Most drivers give pre-trip inspections their due, but they don't have the on-the-road knowledge to leverage during those inspections.

Secondly, a good write-up after a properly performed post-trip inspection gives the shop a chance to address the issue before the next driver needs the equipment. By contrast, should the next driver identify something not picked up by a post-trip inspection, chances are that driver has a full load of product and is ready to dispatch—less than ideal conditions for the shop to perform a thorough diagnosis and repair. Nothing is more frustrating for drivers than having to sit around at the start of their driving day waiting for their truck to be fixed because of a problem discovered during the pre-trip inspection.

To be clear, all vehicle inspections are important—even essential—to the efficient operation of the vehicles in your fleet, but I can't help but think the post-trip has the edge because not only will you have the information from the inspection itself to use in the diagnosis, but you will also have the driver's insight. That is a winning combination.



Delta 8, Delta 10 = Major Fail For Drivers

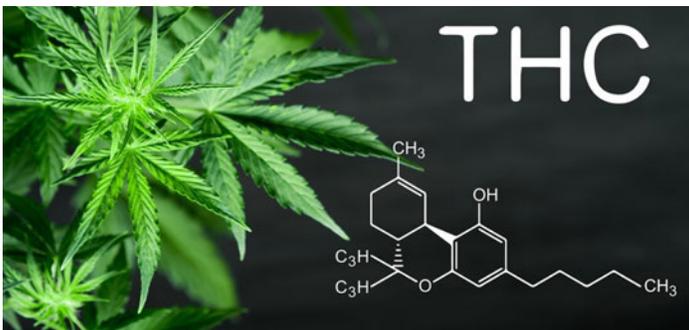
CCJ On-Line



Across the country, more and more states are decriminalizing and outright legalizing marijuana, and meanwhile CBD, an extract of industrial hemp plants, a legal cousin to marijuana, has emerged as an effective treatment for everything from chronic pain to anxiety and sleep disorders.

Despite the warming national attitudes toward the hemp plant and all its potential derivatives, CDL holders should approach any form of the substance with extreme caution.

Over time, the landscape for hemp/cannabis-derived products has only gotten more chaotic, and murky in terms of legality.



A barrage of consumer products has swept through gas stations and truck stops across the country. Recently businesspeople have started selling so-called Delta-8 and Delta-10 THC, or concentrated THC derived from fully legal hemp plants.



These products exploit the federal loophole that deems industrial hemp byproducts legal but plants grown for THC illegal. While these products remain legal, for now, they too will cause a failed drug test for truck drivers. The Delta-8 and Delta-10 compounds produce the same metabolites as Delta-9, plain-old THC-bearing marijuana, the kind that's federally illegal.

Amid the madness in the market for cannabis products and the confusion, 40,000 truckers have had their careers sidelined due to positive drug tests for THC in the last 18 months. That's 50% of all positive truck driver drug tests.



2021 Operation Safe Driver Results

The 2021 enforcement program Operation Safe Driver was conducted the week of July 11-17.

It's a program to deal with both CMVs and autos. It's tempting for truck drivers to say "ah, they probably just pull over all the trucks."

Actually, not true. The numbers were recently released. Turns out law enforcement was kept far busier writing tickets to four-wheelers. Not only did the cops write more tickets to the four-wheelers, they also tended to write more warnings for the truckers.

Throughout the week, law enforcement personnel pulled over and issued warnings or citations to drivers they observed engaging in dangerous driving behaviors, such as speeding or distracted driving. Speeding, which was the focus of this year's Operation Safe Driver Week, was the top driver-behavior violation for both types of drivers.

The top violations for passenger cars were speeding at 9,349 tickets and 2,929 warnings. CMV drivers were written 1,690 speeding tickets and 2,549 warnings.

Second most cited for both categories was no seat belt. Officers wrote 1,355 citations for passenger car drivers not wearing a belt, and 1,225 to truck drivers.

Third for passenger cars was distracted driving/using a handheld phone at 573 tickets and 323 warnings. For the CMV drivers, it was failure to obey a traffic control device at 522 tickets and 869 warnings.

Possession/use/under influence of drugs or alcohol was fourth for passenger cars – 428 tickets. Texting/handheld phone was fourth for CMV drivers at 344 tickets and 336 warnings.



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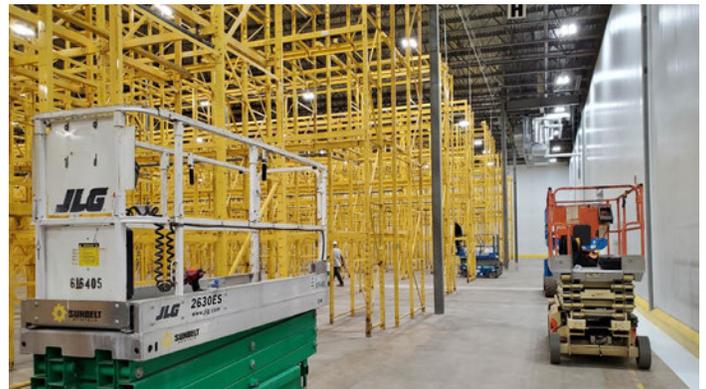
Bay Logistics Is Expanding!

Bay Logistics is a third generation supplier of transportation, warehousing, order fulfillment, quality inspection and other logistics services. Corporate Offices are in Byron Center. Grand Rapids is in their backyard, West Michigan is their neighborhood, and North America is their marketplace.

Bay is a passionate company, deeply rooted in the Detroit automotive industry. Today they are a bustling, diversified company. Their Food Safety Initiative has paid big dividends – food and grocery industry revenues have exploded in the last few years. With that being said, Bay is expanding!



Bay will be expanding its operations by opening up a cold storage central logistics center in Phoenix, Arizona. This is the first time Bay has been in the Phoenix marketplace and is excited for this opportunity to gain new business as well as meet new customers.



Phoenix is the fastest growing major metropolitan area in the US. Now that Bay has “boots on the ground” and relationships built, they plan to expand even more in the South West area of Phoenix.

Bay Logistics is excited for this opportunity and can't wait to get started. Contact Bay for more information and if you have any questions.

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Donald J. Finney Memorial Award

Don Finney was with Bay Logistics for 10 years after working 32 years for General Motors. Don was well respected by everybody, and an automotive expert in containers, dunnage, material handling, JIT and sequencing. Don passed away suddenly in January of 2020.

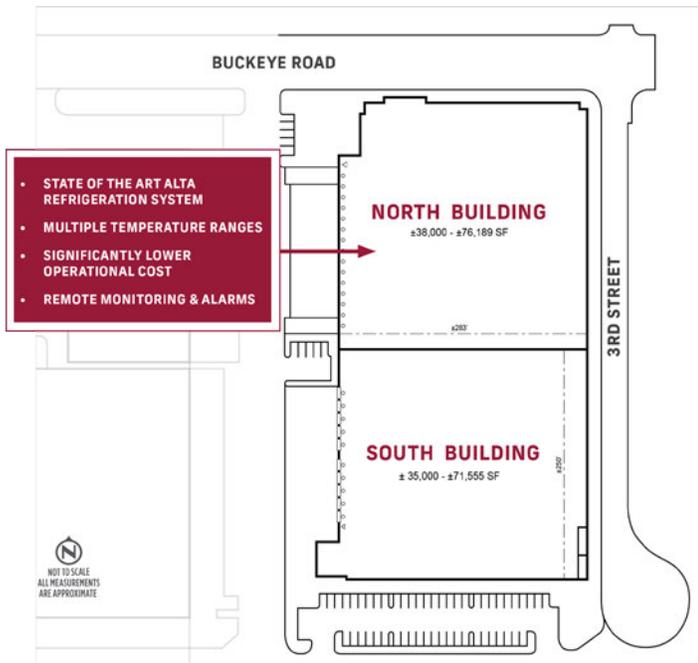
To honor Don's memory, Bay Logistics has instituted the Donald J. Finney Memorial Award, given annually to the Bay employee who most exemplifies the "It's Better at Bay!" motif, and to be displayed at Bay's new SE Michigan Corporate Offices in Hamtramck, MI. At this year's Annual Bay Summer Summit, Shawn Gaglio was chosen by the leadership team as the inaugural winner of this year's prize. Shawn received an embroidered Bay Logistics jacket, and had her name engraved on the new trophy. Help us congratulate Shawn!"



Facts About Shawn

- Hired and developed a "rock star" staff of Bay employees
- Cleaned up the inventory at the rack yard from 26 pages to 12 pages by creating disposition of obsolete parts and part numbers
- Formed an excellent relationship with our client GM CC&A
- Changed the atmosphere of the outdoor rack yard to friendly customer service
- Worked with Bay for 4 years: 1 year as a supervisor and 3 as a manager

Congratulations Shawn!





Winter Driving Tips For Truck Drivers

gpstrackit.com

When the temperature plunges even the most experienced of truckers can have a hard time managing the icy roads. Here are 10 winter driving tips for fleet truck drivers that can help you stay safe this winter.

1. Inspect Your Vehicle

Getting your truck prepared for winter is essential to prevent any major problems. Check the tire pressure, engine oil and antifreeze levels fastidiously before you hit the road.

2. Slow Down

Most accidents occur because drivers don't adjust their speed according to the road conditions. While driving on a snow-covered road, you may need to compensate for the poor traction by reducing your speed.

3. Give Yourself Some Extra Space

Do you know that the stopping distance on a wet road is twice the normal stopping distance? And on icy roads, it's almost 10 times! So, leave plenty of room between your truck and the vehicle in front of you so that you have enough space to move out of harm's way in case of unpredictable situations.

4. Stay Smooth

In cold weather, try hard to refrain from doing anything sudden – sudden braking, sudden acceleration, cornering, etc. If the situation demands you to slow down suddenly on a slick road, pump your brakes lightly. The key is to maintain a consistent speed and avoid doing anything that reduces traction on the slippery roads.

5. Pay Attention To The Tire Spray

This is one of the most important (and commonly forgotten) winter driving tips. A good way to assess the road condition is to observe the water coming off the tires of vehicles around you. If there's a lot of water being sprayed, the road is definitely wet. If the tire spray is relatively less, it means that the roadway has started to freeze and you need to exercise additional caution.

6. Let There Be Light

The visibility is quite poor in inclement weather conditions. Don't forget to clear lights and tractor trailers covered in snow and ice, and turn on the headlights of your truck.

7. Take Evasive Action

Sometimes, it's better to take evasive action than hard braking, especially on a snow-covered road. If your speed is around 25-30 mph, consider decelerating your truck slightly and maneuvering around the obstacles to avoid a collision.

8. When In Doubt, Pull Over

Find a safe way to get off the roadway and wait until the weather gets better and it's safe for you to drive.

9. Be Prepared

Don't forget to carry warm clothes and blankets with you. If you are going for an extended trip, carry a flashlight, shovel, matches, traction devices, a bag of sand, etc.

10. Check Twice

When visibility is compromised in a whiteout blizzard, it can be difficult to see traffic lights and signs. Make sure you look twice before proceeding through an intersection or turning down a one-way street.

These winter driving safety tips might appear quite simple, but they will only work if you follow them carefully. Ultimately, it's up to you to exercise your judgment and stay safe out while driving on the road.