
PennDOT Travel Notice

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Motorists Urged to be Alert for Snow Squalls on Saturday

PennDOT reminds motorists to be alert for sudden snow squalls while traveling in south central Pennsylvania this weekend. According to recent weather forecasts, a blast of arctic air is predicted to enter Pennsylvania on Saturday afternoon and evening that will bring rapidly falling temperatures, as well as snow showers and squalls.

Motorists should be alert for squalls since they often appear without warning, may greatly impede visibility, and can quickly cause roads to become extremely slick. PennDOT crews will be treating roads this weekend and will respond quickly to reports of squalls in an area.

PennDOT offers this advice to motorists who encounter snow squalls:

- Gradually slow down and drive at a speed that suits conditions.
- Turn on your headlights.
- Stay in your lane.
- Increase your following distance.
- Stay alert; keep looking as far ahead as possible and be patient.
- Reduce in-car distractions since full attention is required.
- Use defroster and wipers.
- Keep windows and mirrors free of snow and ice.
- During whiteouts, come to a complete stop only when you can safely get as far off the road as possible.
- Do not stop in the flow of traffic since this could create a chain-reaction collision.
- Do not pass a vehicle moving slowly or speed up to get away from a vehicle that is following too closely.
- Always buckle up, and never drink and drive.