

## **HOW TO DRIVE WITH CAR TIRE CHAINS**

Reducing insurance costs is a matter of safe driving, avoiding damage to your car and avoiding liability for damage to others – both personal injury and property damage. Severe weather may require the use of tire chains to drive safely.

Chains fit over your car's tires, giving much better traction on snow and ice, but requiring you to drive much slower than usual. That is understandable, because when the chains are needed conditions are really bad.

Be sure and have the right size chains for the tires on your vehicle, and keep them in the trunk of the car. Also, put a pad or blanket in the trunk to kneel or lie on when installing the chains. Have a flashlight and a pair of gloves as well. It is always a good idea to practice putting on the chains in dry conditions before having to do so in the cold, snow, and perhaps dark. Anytime you are putting on (or removing) chains, pull off the road completely so you are not blocking traffic or are in danger of being hit.

Chains give the best traction in snow, but are cumbersome, clunky and can be difficult to put on. Some states require chains on some vehicles on some roads that go over mountain passes; in other places, states require chains or snow tires on the drive axle of vehicles except four-wheel drive or all-wheel drive vehicles.

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