

Team Minot,

Winter is just around the corner. This summer has brought some warm weather and many new faces to the Minot community. Here are a few tips for your first North Dakota winter:

1. Thoroughly check your vehicle checked for winter driving. AAFES or any off-base automotive shop can help you determine what you need. Tire pressure, antifreeze and bottles of HEET are all important.
2. Never drive on icy or wet roads with the cruise control engaged. Chances of losing control greatly increase when tires lose traction and the cruise is on.
3. Have a winter survival kit in your car. At a minimum, have a blanket, matches, candles and an empty metal coffee can, snow shovel, and food.
4. Never drive anywhere without cold weather gear. If you slide off the road you may need to get out of the car. You may also have to help someone who has slid off the road and you will need warm outerwear.

The Safety office offers a mandatory local conditions course on the first and third Thursday of each month at 0900 in the education center for all new personnel. Contact 5 BW/SE, 3-2259, for more information. Also, call your unit supply person to and get your winter issue before the temperature drops.

Supervisor's make sure your Airmen understand the importance of being prepared for the extreme temperatures and conditions associated with travel in North Dakota.

Give yourself extra time, slow down, and arrive at your destination safe.