Driving Hazards Rise in the Fall



People don’t tend to think of the fall as a hazardous season in which to drive. Here are some statistics that may make you think otherwise.

1. Pedestrians walking at dusk soon after daylight saving time ends have triple the odds of being struck hit by a vehicle. (CNN Report)
2. Number 1 on the list of road surfaces to freeze during the fall and winter months is bridge decks.
3. Oil and rubber that build up over the summer months are 2 things that can make roads extremely slippery when the weather turns rainy in the autumn months.
4. If you encounter fog during fall months, do these 3 things: Slow down, turn on your vehicle’s headlights (low-beam) and exercise extreme caution.
5. When driving in rain, remember these 4 tips: Slow down, avoid hard braking, avoid large sudden steering movements and watch the road well ahead for any hazards.
6. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation says 46 percent of all reportable crashes involving deer on the road within a five-year period occurred in October and November.