Schoolbus Safety – Winter Weather and Adverse Conditions Picture This





The image shows a school bus navigating a snow-covered road in harsh winter conditions. Snow and ice significantly reduce traction, visibility, and braking efficiency, increasing the risk of skidding or accidents. The bus appears to be driving on an unplowed or untreated road, which can be hazardous, especially if there are hills or sharp turns. Additionally, the lack of visible tire chains or snow tires suggests that the bus may not be fully equipped for extreme winter driving conditions.

To ensure safe school bus operation during winter weather, drivers should always check road conditions before departure and follow any school closures or delay advisories. Buses should be equipped with snow tires, tire chains, and properly functioning defrosters and wipers. Drivers must reduce speed, increase following distance, and make slow, controlled turns to prevent skidding. Additionally, emergency kits containing blankets, flashlights, food, and first-aid supplies should be kept onboard in case of breakdowns or delays. Proper winter driving training and emergency preparedness help ensure the safety of students and bus operators in severe weather conditions.