

ASK A DUMMY: VINCE AND LARRY'S ADVICE COLUMN

Dear Vince and Larry,

I hate driving in the winter! How do I avoid wrecking my ride?

@shortzallyear



Vince: There are several things you can do to drive safely in winter.

Larry: Go south to Florida?

Vince: I don't think that's an option for most folks.

Larry: Mexico?

Vince: Ice and snow are tough to drive in. Your tires have less contact with the road's surface and it's easy to slide off.

Larry: Like, into the ditch?

Vince: Or another car. Give yourself plenty of space and time to stop. You'll need to brake and accelerate gently to avoid fishtailing.

Larry: Yeah, stay in your lane!

Vince: That's the goal, which means you'll also need to slow down.

Larry: Like...5 under?

Vince: More than that, usually. It depends on road conditions. It's okay to let others pass you if you don't feel safe going as fast as they are going.

Larry: But I'll be late!

Vince: Plan for your drive to take twice as long and leave earlier!

Larry: I don't want to leave my warm bed!

Vince: But you need to scrape off all your windows, lights, and license plate before you leave the driveway so you can see and be seen.

Larry: Seriously?! Can't I just start the car and let it defrost while I catch 10 more minutes of shut eye?

Vince: That's not a great idea - unless you don't mind someone taking your car.

Larry: Uh...I mind!

Vince: Then buckle up and drive SAFE!