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**Holiday Safety Webinar**

Sunday, November 23, 2014
2:30 PM EDT

By Arthur Blinci, VP Chief Risk Management Officer at Adventist Risk Management, Inc

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Sleigh bells ring are you listening… It’s the holiday season and like it or not we are entering one of the busiest times of the year. Is your church prepared for the holiday season? Holiday programs often involve the building of backdrops, stage sets, special costumes or just decorating the church. This is an important time of
the year to be sure the best safety practices are followed so your congregation can celebrate the season without injury or a tragic accident. As a church safety officer you can learn special safety practices by joining us for our Church Holiday Safety webinar on November 23rd.

Title: Holiday Safety
Date: Sunday, November 23, 2014
Time: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM EDT (NOTE THE TIME ZONE)
Get Your Vehicle In Tune for Winter – Adventist Risk Management

Posted by Adventist Risk Management, Inc.

With the arrival of fall, it is time to prepare for the cold months ahead. As buildings and properties are winterized, remember to prepare personal, church, and school-owned vehicles. Winter weather is hard on a vehicle and its engine. Use a licensed auto mechanic to check and service all vehicles.

Battery & Belts

A vehicle motor needs a fully-charged battery to start in cold weather. Clean battery posts and check the charging system and belts. Batteries should be tested in the fall and spring. Replace weak batteries before they fail.

To ensure proper adjustment without slippage, check all belts and replace, if necessary.

Become familiar with winter weather so you can prepare yourself to take the roads safely.

- **Blizzards** are the worst winter storms. They can last six hours or more and bring: falling, blowing, and drifting snow; high winds (25 mph/40 km per hour) or more; poor visibility; and temperatures below (14º F/-10°C). Snow and ice are more slippery at (32ºF/0°C) than at (-4ºF/-20°C) or below.

- **Heavy** snow can bring 4 inches/10 centimeter) or more in 12 hours, or 6 inches/15 centimeters or more in 24 hours. Freezing rain or drizzle can become an ice storm — coating roads, trees, overhead wires, etc. with ice. Watch for black ice at temperatures between (39ºF/+4°c and 25ºF/-4°C), where the road surface ahead looks black and shiny. It is often found on shaded areas of the road, bridges and overpasses long after the sun has come out. Remember road surfaces on overpasses often become icy first.

- **Cold snaps** are rapid drops in temperature.

- **Winds** cause blizzard conditions, drifting, poor visibility and wind-chill effects.

Heating & Cooling Systems

Check all hoses for deterioration or leakage. Be certain the cooling system antifreeze to water mixture is on a 50/50
basis. Testers are available to do this check. Many service stations provide this as a complimentary service.

**Ignition System**
Replace defective ignition wires, cracked distributor caps, and worn spark plugs. When these are worn out, starting the vehicle can be difficult. This may even cause a sudden breakdown.

**Lights & Wipers**
Make sure that all lights, turn signals, and emergency flashers work and headlights are positioned properly. Check the condition of all windshield wipers and washer fluid levels. Be sure a winter formula washer fluid is used during cold months. Replace worn wiper blades to prepare for workout they will get during the winter driving months.

**Brakes**
Check or service your brakes to ensure even braking. Pulling, change in pedal feel, or unusual squealing or grinding may mean they need repair.

**Tires**
Check pressures often, especially before any highway driving. Properly inflated, high-quality winter tires will provide the best traction on winter roads and increase fuel efficiency.

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**Have the Right Toolkit in Your Vehicle**

**Keep the following items in your vehicle during the winter driving season:**

– Shovel
– Sand or kitty litter
– Traction mats
– Tow chain
– Compass (Make sure you know how to properly use this.)
– Cloth or roll of paper towels
– Warning hazard light, triangle, or road flares
– Extra clothing and footwear
– Emergency food pack
– Booster cables
– Matches and a “survival” candle in a deep can (to warm hands, heat a drink, or use as an emergency light)
– Fire extinguisher
– Extra windshield washer fluid
– Fuel line antifreeze
– Reflective vest

**Keep the following items inside your vehicle.**

– Road maps
– Ice scraper and brush
– Flashlight
– First aid kit
– Blanket (special “survival” blankets are best)

Remember, keep alert during winter driving for rapidly changing conditions. Slow down, allow an extra safety margin between you and the vehicle ahead. Adventist Risk Management wants you to be safe during this winter driving season.
References: Transport Canada