

Fall Weather Safety Tips

With the changing weather and end of daylight savings time, the fall season brings on additional roadway hazards. Here are a few tips on how to avoid some common driving dangers this season:



Sunrise/Sunset Glares

- → Remember that the sun rising and setting typically occurs during rush hour commutes, making it more difficult to see due to glare
- → Keep a pair of sunglasses in your car and the inside of your windshield streak-free to minimize sun glare

Dawn/Dusk lighting

- Turn your headlights on earlier to help other cars and pedestrians see you better
- → Be alert for pedestrians, especially children getting on/off school buses
- → If you are walking or riding, always walk facing the traffic and in light colored or reflective clothing. A walker who is looking at the oncoming traffic is better able to move out of a vehicles path

Deer

- → Be extra cautious during dusk and early evening hours when deer are more active
- → Deer travel in herds, if you see one, expect more to follow
- → The deer population on Long Island is rapidly expanding and autumn is breeding season, be alert!

Leaves

- → Increase the distance between you and the car in front of you, wet leaves are as slippery as ice
- Slow down on roads covered in leaves, they can hide potholes and street markings

Drowsy Driving

- → Stay Alert: When daylight savings ends, we spend more time driving at night when it's more dangerous
- → Take care to be well rested and if you experience any signs of drowsy driving, pull over safely and take a break

Fog and Frost

- → Be careful of morning frost on roads as temperatures drop overnight
- → Use low beams in fog