Winter Driving Tips

- Always approach intersections cautiously.
- Allow extra time to arrive at your destination.
- **SLOW DOWN** and be alert for other vehicles around you that may lose control, and allow at least 4 seconds between vehicles. Troopers also recommend you allow no less than a car-length in front of you when you are stopped behind another vehicle at a slippery intersection.
- If you find yourself beginning to slide on snow or ice, **DON'T PANIC**. Take your foot off the gas and **DO NOT** hit the brakes. Steer the front of your vehicle into the skid (the same direction you are sliding). This technique is used in both front- and rear-wheel-drive vehicles. If you must use the brakes, do not allow them to lock up; gently pump the brake pedal, unless your car is equipped with anti-lock brakes. If your car has anti-lock brakes, use a firm, steady pressure **WITHOUT** pumping. The grinding noise you hear and the surging you feel in the pedal is normal and indicates the brakes are working properly, allowing you to continue to steer and control the vehicle.
- And for you 4-wheel-drive enthusiasts, always remember that a 4-wheel-drive vehicle provides additional traction that is useful for going through deep snow, but it **DOES NOT** stop any faster.

Visit the Michigan State Police website for more tips! [http://www.michigan.gov/msp](http://www.michigan.gov/msp)
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE: 
Your First Step to Safe Winter Driving

- Make sure your car is in good mechanical condition. Temperature extremes always bring out the worst in your car, like dead batteries, soft tires, gasoline freeze, and carburetor and heating problems. Make sure that your antifreeze is at the proper level and that your wiper blades are new and your washer reservoir is full.

- Prepare an emergency kit for your car. Include things that prepare you for the unexpected -- what would you need if you found yourself stranded miles from help during a snow storm? Include things like warm clothing, boots, stocking cap, gloves or mittens, flashlight with fresh batteries, flares, small shovel, sand or kitty litter, blankets, and fresh first-aid supplies. You may also want to include candy bars or other nutritious snacks, as well as a supply of small candles and matches to light them with. A single lit candle in your vehicle can provide warmth that will help you survive for many hours, and with precautions is much safer than letting the engine run.

- During inclement weather let people know where you are going, your route of travel, and when you expect to arrive. Cell phones are a great safety insurance against breakdowns and getting stranded -- but they do little good if you don't know where you are! Stay alert and know precisely where you are at all times in the event you need to call for help. Watch for road signs and landmarks.

Need Help with FAFSA?

The Financial Aid Office will be offering additional FAFSA assistance and will remain open until 7:00pm on Wednesdays in February. To schedule an appointment for help with the FAFSA during the day or on Wednesday evenings, call 227-2327. The recommended filing date for Michigan residents is March 1 for the 2013-2014 school year.

Declaring Your Major

You can change or declare a major online at http://www.nmu.edu/acac/node/62. Students in Psychology and Education majors must visit the respective department to declare.

Common Study Areas on Campus

There are a number of public areas on campus where students gather between classes. Here are some of the most common locations:

- Study Lounge by Starbucks
- Peter White Lounge in the University Center
- Hedgcock Atrium on the Top Floor
- Jacobetti Center Commons
- Lydia Olson Library — Main Floor

View more articles and helpful hints @ http://www.nmu.edu/commuter
Childcare Resources

NMU does not have a daycare service. NMU does not endorse or have any affiliation with any off-campus childcare provider. Please use your own good judgment; visit the childcare provider, check the references, and talk with other parents in the center prior to finalizing your childcare arrangement. The State of Michigan requires all childcare providers to be licensed. Be sure to ask for proof of license by your provider.

Regional Childcare Resource Center  
http://www.4c-up.com/

Alger-Marquette Community Action Board  
http://www.amcabmqt.org/services/early-childhood/

Child and Family Services of the Upper Peninsula, Inc.  
http://www.cfsup.org/

The NMU Career Services office also has a temporary employment list which includes childcare providers at http://www.nmu.edu/careerservices.

Get Your Grub On

Looking for places to eat on campus? A list of on-campus dining facilities is located at http://meet.nmu.edu/dining.

Did you know there are meal plan options for commuter students? There are a number of options available. You can learn more at http://meet.nmu.edu/dining/?p=campuscuisine.

Where can you heat up a meal you bring from home?  
There are microwaves located in the Hedgcock building. One is upstairs near Melted. The other is downstairs by the Financial Aid and Admissions offices.

Laptop Trouble?

NMU’s Help Desk to the rescue!  
http://it.nmu.edu/helpdesk  
LRC 116 (Across from Fieras)  
906-227-2468

Need Help with Classes?

NMU offers a number of Academic Support Services. You can learn more about All Campus tutoring, the Writing Center, and the Math and Language labs at http://www.nmu.edu/tutoring.
Where Is the Best Place to Park?

You can use this comprehensive map to determine the best location to park in relation to your classes. Or figure out the most central place to park your vehicle, and then use the campus shuttle to avoid walking all around campus in the colder winter months.

Campus Parking Map:
http://www.nmu.edu/publicsafety/node/229

Wildcat Shuttle Schedule and Route Information:
http://www.nmu.edu/publicsafety/node/226

Attention Veterans!

Have questions or need clarification about your veteran benefits? NMU’s Veteran Student Services Office is here to help. The office is housed in the Financial Aid office (2107 C.B. Hedgcock), and online resources are available at:

http://www.nmu.edu/financialaid/veterans

If you visit in person, make sure to head upstairs to check out the Veterans’ Lounge (Room 3403 in Hedgcock).

Find Your Adviser

How do you find out who your adviser is? Follow the instructions at http://www.nmu.edu/acac/node/68.

Help Wanted


Get Your PEIF Pass

Sign up for your pass at http://www.nmu.edu/sportsrecsports/node/1.

PEIF hours of operation can be found at http://www.nmu.edu/sportsrecsports/node/147.

Inclement Weather Policy

There are several ways to get an update on the university’s decisions about bad weather, including messages on the NMU home page, as well as calling the B-R-R-R line (906-227-BRRR) and listening to area media outlets. The media outlets are notified by 6 a.m. if day classes are cancelled and by 2 p.m. if night classes are cancelled. View the entire policy at http://www.nmu.edu/publicsafety/node/35.

Road condition information throughout the State of Michigan may be found on the Michigan State Police Road Conditions site at http://www.michigan.gov/roadconditions.

EMERGENCY text alerts

All students and parents may sign up for notification of campus emergencies through a text message and e-mail alert system. Sign up is now available at http://myweb.nmu.edu/alerts.

Provided by the Dean of Students Office
http://www.nmu.edu/dso/
E-mail: dso@nmu.edu

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