



TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

RISK REMINDER

Defensive Driving Techniques for Snowplow Operators

1. Be Prepared

- Inspect equipment before each workday or shift.
- Clear ice/snow from mirrors, windows, and cameras.
- Wear reflective gear and carry emergency supplies.
- Attend seasonal safety trainings. Know your protocols.

2. Stay Focused

- No distractions. Stay alert.
- Take breaks to avoid fatigue.

3. Scan Constantly & Expect the Unexpected

- Watch for vehicles, pedestrians, and obstacles.
- Check blind spots and mirrors often.
- Be ready for erratic drivers and poor visibility.
- Check twice at all intersections.

4. Adapt to Conditions

- Adjust speed for ice, slush, and drifting snow.
- Use caution on bridges and rural roads.
- Leave extra space when visibility and traction are reduced.
- Use hazard and strobe lights. Signal early.

Stay Sharp. Stay Safe.



**Your safety keeps the roads safe for everyone.
Drive defensively.**

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