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TIPS FOR DRIVING IN HIGH WIND CONDITIONS

SAN BERNARDINO – Caltrans realizes that high wind events can cause extreme driving conditions for motorists. Advisories may be in effect for high profile vehicles while conditions on certain routes can even cause hazards to motorists. Below are some tips that will make your trip safer for you and those around you:

- “Know before you go!” Go to Caltrans’ “Quick Map” at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/> or to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) website at <http://cad.chp.ca.gov/>. Listen to the radio or watch local news on television for road conditions before and during your trip.
- Make sure your vehicle is in good condition. Ensure your head and tail lamps, along with your turn signals, are working properly. Replace worn windshield wiper blades, keep windshield washer fluid topped off and see that the brakes are in good condition.
- Slow your speed to a safe driving speed and turn on headlights if needed to account for potentially lower visibility created by blowing dust, sand, snow or rain.
- Keep your hands firmly on the wheel.
- Make steering corrections when driving from wind-protected areas to unprotected areas. The wind may suddenly move your car when traveling from a protected to unprotected area.
- Be aware of and maintain safe distances from other vehicles near you, particularly RVs, campers, trucks, buses, or trailers being towed. These vehicles could swing out and hit your car in sudden wind gusts.
- Take extra care in a high-profile vehicle such as trucks, vans, SUVs, or when towing a trailer, as these are more prone to being pushed or flipped by high winds. Caltrans uses advisory messages on our overhead changeable message signs. Drivers of high profile vehicles must obey these wind warnings and prohibitions when in effect.
- Watch for objects that could potentially blow into the roadway. Tree limbs may break and/or other debris may come loose during strong winds.
- If winds are severe enough to prevent safe driving, pull over into a safe parking area (the shoulder of a busy roadway is not safe) and stop, making sure you are away from trees, power lines or other tall objects that could fall onto your vehicle.
- When arriving at your destination, avoid parking near trees, downed power lines and buildings.
- In the event of downed power lines: Never drive over downed power lines. Even if they have been knocked over by the wind, high-voltage wires may still be alive and very dangerous.
- Avoid anything that may be touching downed lines, including vehicles or tree branches.
- Report downed lines to your local utility emergency center and to the police.



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