



City Safe

Winter 2009-2010

Safe Driving Tips During Inclement Weather

Recent winter storm warnings across our great state call for reminders relating to winter safety. Driving a vehicle always requires your full attention, but even more so in bad weather when road conditions can change, and other drivers are more likely to make mistakes. Rain, even a light shower, makes roads slick, so slow down. Stay at least four seconds behind the vehicle in front of you, because you may not be able to stop as quickly. In addition:

- Use wipers, defroster and headlights to improve visibility.
- Be careful of large puddles that can make your brakes less effective. Drive through ice and water slowly. Test the brakes once you are through the puddle, making sure the driver following you is not so close he/she will hit you.
- Avoid hydroplaning. This is when you lose control because your tires are driving on water instead of on the road. Drive slowly and smoothly, avoiding puddles. If you do lose control, take your foot off the accelerator. Do not brake suddenly.

Snow and ice concern many drivers, causing them to drive poorly. These conditions do require more caution. Follow these guidelines:

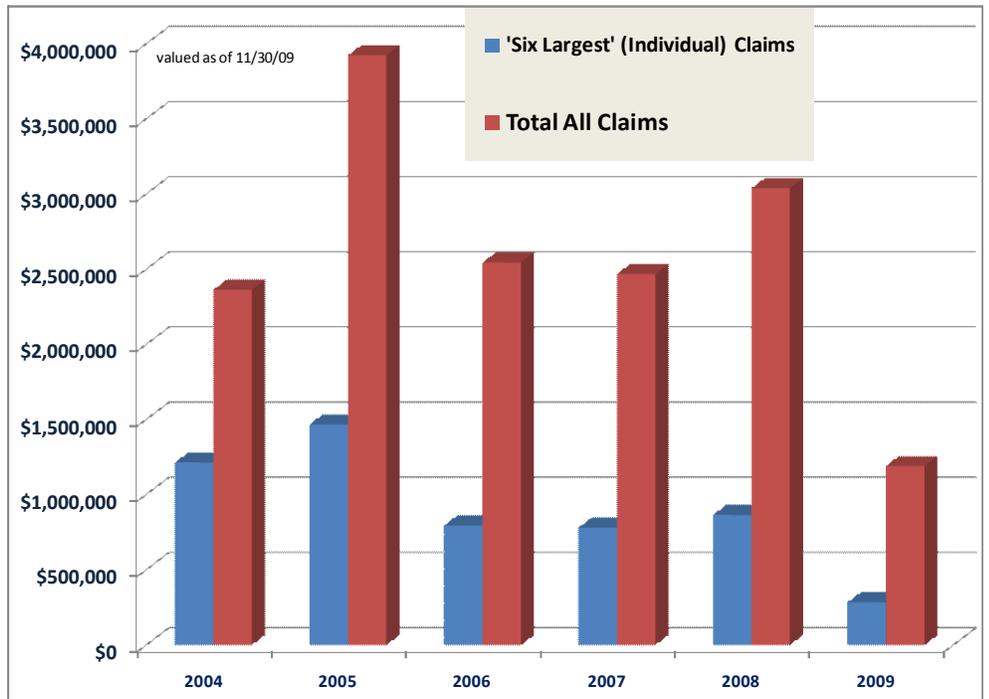
- Wear sunglasses to reduce glare.
- Clear snow off front and back windshields, side windows, hood, roof and lights.
- Drive and brake slowly.
- Watch out for ice, especially on bridges, overpasses and in shady spots.
- Turn into a skid and take your foot off the accelerator. Do not brake.
- Allow plenty of space between you and the car you are following.



Five-Year KMIT Claims Losses

KMIT/IMA offers Risk Control assistance through our Loss Prevention Certification Program. This program helps cities identify exposures to loss and assist in developing the proper controls needed to reduce losses. It also helps cities implement injury management techniques that will control the cost of claims when they do occur. We concentrate our efforts and your resources to make the biggest impact on employee safety and your bottom line.

If you would like information on a 5-year loss analysis for your city, or learn more about how to take advantage of the discounts available by participating in the KMIT Loss Prevention Certification Program, contact Renee Rhodes, IMA of Kansas (316)266-6345 or e-mail renee.rhodes@imacorp.com.



Implementing a Comprehensive Safe Driving Program

Vehicle accidents are the most frequent and costly types of claims for most public entities. In order to prevent and reduce the number of vehicle accidents, a comprehensive safe driving program needs to be implemented. KMIT and IMA have teamed up to offer valuable information regarding this topic.

A new 27-minute video covers the key elements of a safe driver program including; motor vehicle records checks, driver training, conducting field observations, seat belt monitoring, vehicle inspections and maintenance and accident investigations.

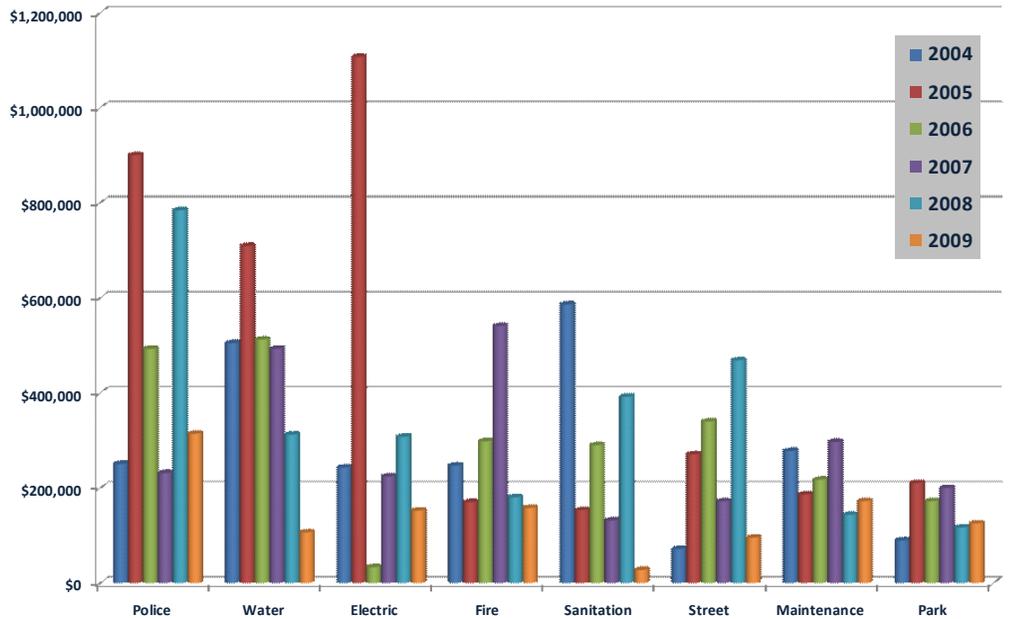
An accompanying manual includes sample policies and procedures, vehicle inspection forms, field evaluation forms, seat belt monitoring checklists, and other useful training and resource materials. For more information, please contact IMA's Kristi McCosh at (316) 266-6297 or kristi.mccosh@imacorp.com.

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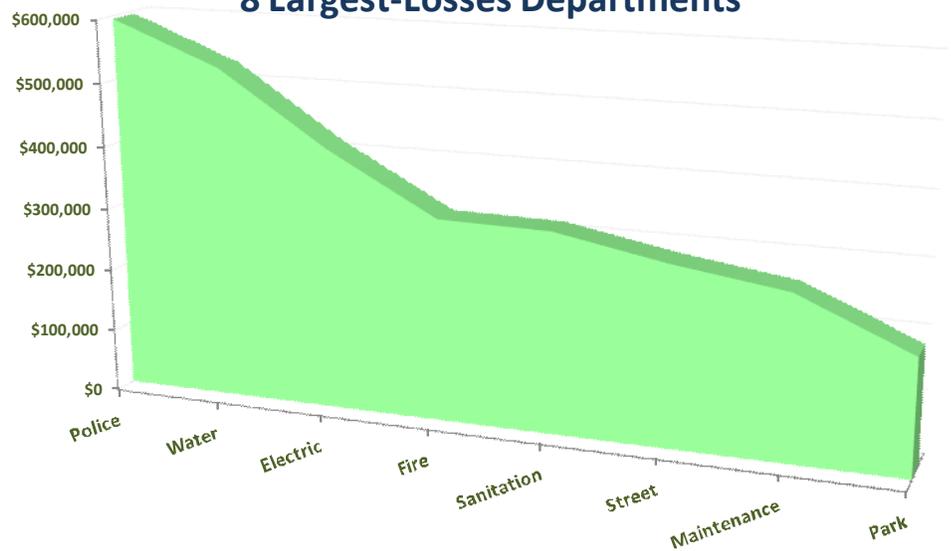
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2004-2009



Average Annual Claims Costs (2004-2009)

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Fog also causes accidents. Slow down gradually as you enter fog so you do not hit someone, and so that the cars behind you do not hit you. Put your headlights on low beam and use your wipers and defroster. Avoid passing other vehicles. If you cannot see well enough to drive, pull off the road, and leave your emergency flashers and lights on.

KMIT's website (inside the Document Center/City Safe) contains a host of articles specifically geared toward cold weather. Such articles address snow shoveling, jump starting an automobile battery, portable generator safety, driving in snow, tree trimming safety and frostbite and hypothermia to name a few. Access these and other KMIT Loss Prevention Training Tools by going to www.kmit.net and entering the Document Center.