



Fast Facts – Snow plow Safety

- ✦ Blading snow off the road creates a “mini blizzard” next to and behind the snow plow, especially in windy conditions. This is referred to as the SNOW ZONE.
- ✦ It can be difficult to see snow removal equipment within the Snow Zone. Watch for the bright yellow colour of the snow plow and flashing amber and red lights – called wig wag lights – on the upper rear corners of the snow plow truck.
- ✦ When you encounter a snow plow on the highway, your visibility may be limited. Slow down and drive with caution.
- ✦ Snow plows must travel slower than regular traffic when pushing snow and spreading salt and sand. Maintain a safe distance, be patient and give the snow plow operator room to do his/her job. Snow plows may be travelling at speeds as slow as 30-40 km when spreading salt.
- ✦ Snow plows pull over about every 10 km to allow motorists to pass, so take your time, wait and be safe.
- ✦ Snow plows stop at all railway crossings to ensure it is safe to cross and that the plow blade will clear the track.
- ✦ Snow plow operators are often out in treacherous conditions to make the highways as safe as possible for you – NOT to get in your way.
- ✦ Our dedicated, hard-working operators will do their best to keep the highways clear and safe. It is UP TO YOU to be cautious and drive safely in the Snow Zone.
- ✦ Every winter, snow plows are hit by motorists that don't see them, or see them too late. The vast majority of these accidents are rear collision incidents where motorists have not driven with caution in the snow zone.

⊕ Accidents involving snow plows on Saskatchewan highways:

Year	Southern Region	Central Region	Northern Region	Total number of accidents
1998	2	0	0	2
1999	2	0	0	2
2000	3	0	0	3
2001	0	0	0	0
2002	3	1	0	4
2003	3	0	1	4
2004	5	1	3	9
2005	4	0	2	6
TOTAL:	22	2	6	30