

SAFETY ALERT

Date: January 2026

Incident Tracking #: 14200

Vehicle Collision

Description

A CEDA pickup truck was traveling northbound in a convoy on Highway 28, just north of Gibbons, when it was involved in a serious motor vehicle collision with a third-party vehicle. Both the driver and the passenger of the CEDA vehicle were wearing their seatbelts and sustained non-life threatening injuries and are recovering.

The RCMP reported that road conditions at the time were extremely icy.

Findings

A formal investigation is in progress. Further details and findings will be communicated upon completion.

While comprehensive provincial statistics attributing serious and fatal traffic incidents specifically to icy road conditions for 2025 and 2026 have not yet been released, RCMP reporting confirms that winter weather and extremely icy road conditions have contributed to numerous severe motor vehicle collisions across Alberta during this period.

Preventative Actions

Driving is one of the highest-risk tasks CEDA personnel perform daily. To prevent and mitigate driving-related incidents, workers must understand and follow CEDA's established driving safety strategies and controls.

Journey Management Plan: Using the [Journey Management Plan](#) will help to verify road, weather, and site conditions before and during travel, especially in winter.

Adjust speed: When hazardous conditions are present, reduce speed and drive to the conditions, recognizing that safe operation may require travelling below posted speed limits.

Winter driving best practices:

- Slow down: Reduced traction means longer stopping distances.
- Increase following distance: Minimum 5–6 seconds.
- Make smooth, gradual movements—avoid sharp steering, sudden braking, or abrupt acceleration.
- Prepare the vehicle:
 - Check tire pressure (cold temperatures reduce PSI).
 - Ensure proper tread depth and consider winter rated tires.
 - Clear all windows, mirrors, lights, and sensors.
 - Carry winter essentials (ice scraper, emergency kit, warm clothing, traction aids).

Safe & Proper Use of 4WD During Winter Conditions:

- Read and understand OEM instructions for proper use of 4WD for the vehicle you are driving.
- 4WD improves traction for acceleration and maintaining control, especially on slick surfaces.
- Engage 4WD when:
 - Roads are snow covered, icy, slushy, or rutted
 - Surface traction is reduced
 - Additional control or stability is needed
 - Maintaining momentum through winter conditions
- It does NOT reduce stopping distance—drivers must still slow down and increase following distance.
- Overconfidence in 4WD systems is a major contributing factor in winter collisions.



Life Saving Rule – Driving

I always wear a seatbelt. I do not exceed the speed limit, and reduce my speed for road conditions. I do not use hand held phones or operate devices while driving. I am fit, rested and fully alert while driving. I follow journey management requirements.