

Motorists Must Remove Snow, Ice From Vehicles Before Traveling

New Law Imposes Heavy Fines for Incidents Causing Injury or Death

The Department of Transportation is reminding motorists that under a new Pennsylvania law, they will face severe fines if snow or ice that falls from their vehicle causes injury or death to other motorists or pedestrians.

“We’ve urged motorists to remove all ice and snow from their vehicles before traveling for years. Not only for their own safety, but for the safety of all motorists,” said PennDOT Secretary Allen D. Biehler, P.E. “We hope motorists will take this advice all the more seriously now that the new law is in place.”

Enacted in May, Act 37 states that when snow or ice is dislodged or falls from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing death or serious bodily injury, the operator of the vehicle from which the snow or ice came is subject to a fine of \$200 to \$1,000 for each offense.



The picture above shows a vehicle driving down a highway in Japan covered in snow. Under the new state law motorists are now required to remove all snow and ice from vehicles before driving.