

*This edition of the RIT Ready Newsletter focuses on winter weather safety.*

The cold and snowy weather in Rochester has begun. Be ready by following these tips.

### **Wear Appropriate Clothing**

- Several thin layers – base, middle and outer
- Hats and gloves
- Glasses/goggles as needed
- Boots and shoes with rubber or neoprene-composite soles and non-slip tread

### **Drive Safely and Maintain Your Vehicle**

- Use the correct tires and keep them properly inflated
- Check belts, hoses, battery and fluids regularly
- Keep the fuel tank at least half-full
- Take your time in snowy/icy conditions
- Keep the proper distance between you and the vehicle in front of you (2-3 seconds)
- Always use your seatbelt
- Take care when getting in and out of your vehicle – this is when most slips happen

### **Walk Cautiously**

- Use cleared paths when walking around campus
- Walk with short, flat strides keep your center of gravity between your feet
- Assume all wet/dark areas are slippery or icy
- Wipe shoes/boots before entering a building to keep the entrance dry
- Report slippery conditions to FMS by calling 475-2842 or e-mail [fms@rit.edu](mailto:fms@rit.edu)
- Report accidents to RIT Public Safety

Report any emergency by contacting RIT Public Safety at 585-475-3333 (v/tty), text to 585-205-8333 or instant message to RITPUBLICSAFETY on AIM. You can also use the [TigerSafe](#) app.



Make sure your mobile phone number is in the [RIT Alert](#) system.

- Faculty and Staff – go to [myinfo.rit.edu](http://myinfo.rit.edu) and add in the *phone numbers emergency notification information* area
- Students – go to [SIS](#) and enter in the Cell/Mobile phone field of the *Personal Information* area