

Practice chaining up *before* bad weather strikes

In Oregon, there are times when you may be required to use chains on snowy or icy roads. It's important to learn how to install your chains **before** bad weather strikes.

Chaining up is good for both you and other drivers, especially on mountain roads. Travelers who wait until the last minute to put on chains can block lanes, delaying other drivers and making it difficult for crews to sand and plow the road. You'll do your part to keep traffic moving by putting

your chains on early.

It's a lot easier to put chains on for the first time when you don't have to struggle to read the instructions alongside a snowy road. Practice installing your chains at home when the weather is fair. Then when road conditions require chains, you'll already know how to use them.

Here are some tips on chaining up and driving with chains:

- Check your vehicle operator's manual for the right type and size of chains to use.

Then follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

- Ensure chains are the proper size. Don't deflate tires to install chains.
- Don't wait until you lose control of your vehicle before chaining up.
- Pull over to a safe and level area to mount or remove chains.
- Carry a waterproof tarp or plastic sheet to help keep you dry.
- Keep children and pets safe in your car to avoid distraction and injury.

- Pull over in a safe place and retighten your tire chains after you have driven a short distance.
- Pull over and stop immediately if any part of your chain fails or comes loose.
- Don't drive faster than 30 miles per hour when using chains. Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Avoid spinning or locking your wheels.
- Remember: you can slide even with chains, so drive carefully and slowly.



Putting on Tire Chains

Get the right size.

Consult your owner's manual.

Practice.

Know how to install your chains before you go.

Pull over.

Choose a safe and level area that's away from traffic.

Double Check.

Retighten your chains after driving a short distance.

Slow down.

You can still slide with chains – don't drive faster than **30** mph.

When installing chains...

Wear protective gear:

- ✧ A brightly colored jacket or a reflective vest,
- ✧ A hat,
- ✧ Warm gloves!

Stay dry!

Use a tarp or plastic sheet to protect yourself.

Know before you go.



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