



# Topic: Foggy Driving

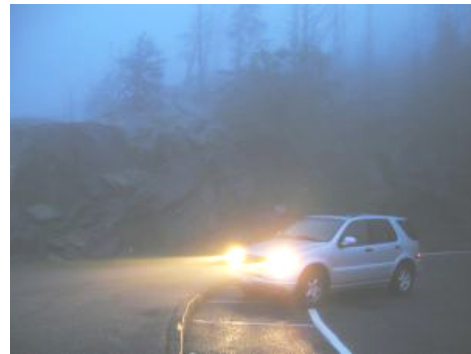
*Driving in fog can be harrowing. Truckers have dealt with visibility issues for many years -- and you can learn from their experiences.*

## **Truckers know what to do in rain and fog, do you?**

Before you get behind the wheel on a day that could produce rain or fog, do what truckers do. They first make sure that their windshield is free of any type of oily film and dirt. Both can interfere with the effectiveness of windshield wipers.

The *American Trucking Association* says rain can be a particular problem after a spell of dry weather. With a slight drizzle and all the oil on the road, it can be more slippery than ice.

Both visibility and stopping distance are dramatically cut when driving in rain or fog. Truckers increase their awareness and double the distance they would normally allow between them and the vehicle ahead.



Foggy conditions can be the most hazardous. It's tricky because it opens up, then closes. In dense fog, the Association recommends pulling off the road for a time. If that's not possible, adjust your speed to whatever vision you have.

The *California Trucking Association* offers this advice for those who must travel in foggy conditions:

- ✚ Drive with headlights on low beam whether it's day or night.
- ✚ Reduce your speed. There is a tendency to increase speed in fog because there are fewer reference points.
- ✚ Roll down your windows. You may be able to hear traffic you can't see.
- ✚ Use your defroster in addition to your wipers for maximum vision.
- ✚ Use the right edge of the road as a guide. Be patient and don't pass.
- ✚ Never stop on the roadway when there is fog.