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To Avoid Rear-end Collisions, Know When to Increase your Following Distance

Driving on slippery roads. Roads can become slippery due to rain, snow, and ice. In fall, be sure to watch for fallen leaves which can become especially slippery when wet.

Driving in low visibility. You should always increase your following distance in the dark, but seasonal weather conditions can contribute to low visibility even in the daytime.

Fog, rain, and snow often limit how far you can see. Make sure your wiper blades are in good condition, and consider using a water-repellent windshield treatment. On sunny fall and winter days, **glare** from the sun's low angle can temporarily blind you. Have your sunglasses ready, and keep both the inside and outside of your windshield free of dust and smudges for the best visibility.

Being tailgated. If you notice a vehicle following you too closely, give yourself extra room ahead so that you won't need to brake suddenly. Lose the tailgater as soon as you safely can by letting them pass you.

Following a large vehicle that blocks your view of the road ahead. Hanging back will give you better visibility, and keep you out of that vehicle's blind spots.

Following a vehicle that may stop frequently, such as other buses, garbage trucks, or postal service vehicles.

