

# Are You Ready for the Traction Law?

**Do you have a 4WD or AWD vehicle?\***

\*Even if your car is 4WD or AWD, CDOT recommends that all vehicles have adequate tires:

- Winter tires (mountain-snowflake icon)
- Tires with an all-weather rating by the manufacturer
- Tires with a mud and snow designation (M+S icon)

**Yes**

Is your tire tread depth at least 3/16"?

**Yes**

**You're Prepared!**  
You meet the Traction Law requirements!

**No**

Do you have tire chains or an approved alternative traction device?

**Yes**

**You Meet the Traction Law Requirements!**  
Consider investing in new tires with more than 3/16" tread depth.

**No**

**Uh Oh!**  
Your vehicle is prepared, but you'll need to invest in new tires with at least 3/16" tread or tire chains to meet the Traction Law requirements.

Do you have winter tires, all-weather tires, or mud/snow tires?



**M+S**

**Yes**

Is your tire tread depth at least 3/16"?

**Yes**

**You're Prepared!**  
You meet the Traction Law requirements!

**No**

**Your Tire Tread is Too Shallow.**  
Your tires won't perform well in winter conditions. You'll need to invest in tires with better tread depth.

**No**

Do you have tire chains or an approved alternative traction device?

**Yes**

**You Meet the Traction Law Requirements!**  
Consider investing in new tires with more than 3/16" tread depth.

**No**

**You Do Not Meet the Traction Law Requirements.**  
Invest in new tires or a traction control device like tire chains or an approved alternative traction device to meet the Traction Law requirements.



If you cause a crash and don't meet the Traction Law requirements, you'll be subject to a **\$130** citation. The fine jumps to **\$650** if the Traction Law violation results in traffic lane closures.