

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

No

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

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

Yes

No

Yes

No

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

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

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

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

Yes

Yes

Yes

You Meet the Traction Law Requirements!

Consider investing in new tires with more than 3/16" tread depth.

No

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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.

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.

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.