

# ARE YOU READY FOR THE TRACTION LAW?

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

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

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

**YES**

**NO**

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

Do you have snow tires or tires with a mud/snow (M/S) designation?

**YES**

**NO**

**YES**

**NO**

**YOU'RE PREPARED!**  
You meet the Traction Law requirements!

Do you have tire chains or an AutoSock?

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**YES**

**YES**

**YES**

**YOU MEET THE TRACTION LAW REQUIREMENTS!**  
Consider investing in new tires with more than 3/16" tread depth.

**NO**

**YOU'RE PREPARED!**  
You meet the Traction Law requirements!

**NO**

**YOU MEET THE TRACTION LAW REQUIREMENTS!**  
Consider investing in new tires with more than 3/16" tread depth.

**UH OH!**  
Your vehicle is good, 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.

**NO**

**YOU DO NOT MEET THE TRACTION LAW REQUIREMENTS.**  
Invest in new tires or a traction control device like tire chains or an AutoSock to meet Traction Law requirements.



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