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
  - 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 AutoSock?
        - YES
          - YOU'RE PREPARED!
            - You meet the Traction Law requirements!
        - NO
          - UH OH!
            - Your vehicle is good, but you'll need to invest in new tires with more than 3/16” tread depth.

- NO
  - Do you have snow tires or tires with a mud/snow (M/S) designation?
    - YES
      - YOU'RE PREPARED!
        - You meet the Traction Law requirements!
    - NO
      - Is your tire tread depth at least 3/16”?
        - YES
          - 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.

- YES
  - Do you have tire chains or an AutoSock?
    - YES
      - YOU MEET THE TRACTION LAW REQUIREMENTS!
        - Consider investing in new tires with more than 3/16” tread depth.
    - NO
      - NO

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.

Learn more at codot.gov/tractionlaw