Severe Weather Driving Decision Checklist

Trip and conditions

Driver / unit / date / time

Route / location / trailer and load

Information source / time checked

Evaluate the actual risk

- ☐ Check official closures, chain or traction requirements, wind restrictions, flooding, and forecast changes.
- ☐ Consider visibility, traction, traffic, grades, vehicle condition, load stability, and nearby safe parking.
- ☐ Reduce speed and use extreme caution when conditions reduce visibility or traction. Do not enter a closure or an unsafe flooded roadway.
- ☐ Discontinue operation when conditions are sufficiently dangerous and do not resume until the vehicle can be safely operated.
- ☐ Tell dispatch about the decision and revised plan. A delivery deadline is not a reason to continue unsafely.

Decision and communication

Go / delay / reroute / stop

Reason / safe waiting location

Dispatch notified / date and time

Next condition check / responsible person

Conditions required before resuming / route changes

Use vehicle, load, and route-specific judgment. 392.14 contains a narrow passenger-safety provision for reaching the nearest safe point when stopping would increase hazard to passengers; it is not a general freight-delivery exception.

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Working resource. Confirm applicability and current requirements for your operation.