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**BATON ROUGE, La. – Due to inclement weather conditions throughout Louisiana, DOTD reminds motorists to use caution when traveling on roads and bridges. During unfavorable weather conditions, motorists should drive using the following safety tips:**

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- **Drive slowly and carefully.** <br />
- **Avoid driving while distracted.** <br />
- **Always allow for extra driving time.** <br />
- **Reduce speeds when visibility is low.** <br />
- **Make sure there is plenty of room between vehicles.** <br />
- **Avoid driving into standing or running water.** <br />
- **Avoid using highway overpasses as tornado shelters.** <br />
- **Turn on headlights when using wipers.** <br />

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**As always, DOTD reminds motorists to buckle up and refrain from drinking and driving. DOTD will be closely monitoring the weather and travel conditions across the state and will be on standby to close roadways if they are deemed impassable.**

**Additionally, response crews will be on the roadways removing debris if necessary.**

**Motorists are encouraged to check the status of road conditions prior to beginning commutes to impacted areas by utilizing the following resources for the latest information regarding road conditions:** <br />

- **MyDOTD: Motorists can receive automatic and up-to-date information on local projects, lane and road closures, and other DOTD activity by signing up for MyDOTD at [www.dotd.la.gov](http://www.dotd.la.gov).** <br />

- **511 Traveler Information: Travelers can also find information regarding road closures by visiting the 511 Traveler Information website at [www.511la.org](http://www.511la.org) or by dialing 511 from their telephone and saying the route or region about which they are seeking information. Out-of-state travelers can access the system by calling 1-888-ROAD-511 (1-888-762-3511). Click here to download the inclement weather driving tips graphic. ###**