

Driving Danger -- Black Ice Poses Menace on Frigid NY Roadways, New York Attorney Steven J. Schwartzapfel Says

Schwartzapfel, a personal injury lawyer with Schwartzapfel Truhowsky Marcus P.C., offers tips for safer driving on icy highways.

New York, NY ([PRWEB](#)) January 26, 2010 -- When rain falls or water collects on freezing roadways, motorists should beware of treacherous black ice, a New York personal injury attorney says.

“Black ice is as dangerous as it is difficult to see,” said [Steven J. Schwartzapfel](#), of Schwartzapfel Truhowsky Marcus P.C., a New York personal injury law firm that represents people injured in car and truck accidents. “Ice can cause cars to spin out of control and cause serious and even deadly accidents.”

Black ice is a thin, nearly transparent patch of ice that can occur on frigid roadways. Black ice sometimes looks like wet pavement or shiny new asphalt. It can form after rain falls or water pools and freezes on roadways.

“So many drivers involved in [traffic accidents](#) say they never saw the ice that caused them to lose control,” Schwartzapfel said. “It’s best to stay off icy and snow-covered roads. If driving is absolutely necessary, drive slowly and allow extra time to reach your destination. Remember, you can’t slow down quickly on icy roads.”

Schwartzapfel also shared these winter driving tips:

- Accelerate and decelerate gradually. Press the gas pedal slowly to maintain tire traction on the road and avoid skids. Anticipate stop signs and stoplights ahead and brake gradually to avoid skidding on icy roads.
- Bridges and ramps freeze more quickly than roads.
- Match your speed to road conditions. Speed limits are based on ideal driving conditions. When roads are covered with snow or ice, conditions are far from ideal, so drive more slowly and below the speed limit.
- When driving in snow, don’t use your high beams because they can actually reduce visibility by reflecting off falling snow.
- It’s dangerous to pass a snowplow because they create a ridge of snow that can cause a vehicle to swerve out of control.
- Snow-covered roads look most attractive from the warmth and safety of home. Stay there if possible when road conditions are hazardous, Schwartzapfel said.

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