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REAL ID Extended to May 7, 2025

The Department of Homeland Security extended the REAL ID deadline to May 7, 2025. The REAL ID Act established minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits Federal agencies from accepting for official purposes licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards. Beginning May 7, 2025, every state and territory resident will need to present a REAL ID compliant license/ID, or another acceptable form of ID for boarding commercial aircraft, accessing Federal facilities and entering nuclear plants. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) considers a current passport or military ID acceptable identification for boarding an aircraft. For more information on Ohio's REAL ID compliant license, visit bmv.ohio.gov.

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Visit Oxford for educating experience

English city home to renowned university, beautiful spires

Education is synonymous with Oxford. This historic city is home to one of the most renowned universities worldwide and the oldest of its kind in the English-speaking world.

The origins of the University of Oxford date to the 13th century, making it a sparkling wonder in knowledge and learning. It also is a popular tourist attraction. Located less than an hour by train northwest of London, this esteemed academic institution attracts travelers eager to absorb its aura.

Many of the university's 38 colleges open their doors to nonstudents daily for a few hours, giving them the opportunity to witness the ancient quadrangles, chapels and dining halls. Guided tours are available and several colleges play host to evensong services, including Christ Church, with its celebrated Cathedral Choir.

Ashmolean is the world's oldest public museum and home to school's impressive collection of art and archaeology. Artifacts date from 8000 B.C. to present day. This diverse trove represents most of the world's greatest civilizations. Admission is free.

Oxford is more than an old, college town. Known as the "city of dreaming spires," a nickname coined by Victorian



STORIED STRUCTURE – The Radcliffe Camera Library sits in the center of Radcliffe Square at the University of Oxford. *Image: Andrei Nekrassov. Adobe Stock.*

poet Matthew Arnold to recognize Oxford's enchanting skyline of towers and church spheres, it has inspired countless writers and poets for centuries.

Oxford also provided several iconic locations for the "Harry Potter" films, including New College, whose cloisters were featured in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" and Christ Church College – home of a magnificent Tudor dining hall that inspired Hogwarts'

Great Hall.

The best views of the city can be found from Carfax Tower, measuring only 74 feet in height. No building in central Oxford can be taller than this famous edifice, which is all the remains of a 12th-century church. Visitors climb 99 steps to its apex and view Oxford's stately skyline and landmarks.

The city's most recognizable landmarks are located at Cobbled Radcliffe

Square. Honey-hued buildings include Bodleian Library, the Christopher Wren-designed Sheldonian Theatre and the Hertford College Bridge, often referred to as Oxford's "Bridge of Sighs." The circular-shaped Radcliffe Camera Library resides in the heart of the square.

Oxford Covered Market has everything from household goods to haberdashery. More than 250 years old, it's an ideal place to taste street food from all parts of the world, as well as local fare like mackerel pâté, crispy whitebait, caperberries and Oxford blue cheese.

Have a pint in the Old Bookbinders Ale House or The Bear Inn, Oxford's oldest pub, dating to 1242. Sit in the same seats that acclaimed writers C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien once occupied at the Eagle and Child.

Visitors should hire a traditional Oxford punt from Salter's Steamers boat-house near Folly Bridge to view Oxford and Christ Church meadow from a different angle. "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" originated as a story told on a boating trip that began at Folly Bridge, and the Thames riverside is lined with college rowing clubs and inviting old pubs.

Oxford is a beacon of higher education, but some things are better learned outside the classroom.

Winter driving puts your skills to test

10 ways to keep you safe on dangerous highways

Winter-driving season is the most challenging to our nerves, vehicles and skills. The scenario is too familiar. Temperatures drop, snow falls and ice forms. It's a losing trifecta.

Slippery roads cause many of us to shudder behind the wheel. Our familiar commutes just became a treacherous nightmare.

Snow and ice, meanwhile, aren't the only culprits. Fewer hours of daylight obscure our vision and the sun's glare reflecting off the snow can have a blinding effect.

Rapidly changing weather conditions make it essential drivers remain alert and vigilant. Here are 10 winter-driving tips to help make the experience safer and less stressful:

- Monitor weather and travel conditions. Know the difference between a Winter Storm Watch and Winter Weather Advisory, and how they could impact your plans. Allow for extra time to travel, wait for conditions to improve or stay home if possible.
- Think cautiously if you must drive in wintry conditions. Make sure your fuel tank is full. Clear all snow from the hood, roof, windows and lights of your vehicle. Clear windows of fog before driving. Make sure the



SNOW DOWN – Drivers should take extra precaution when driving during a winter storm. *Image: fotoyou. Adobe Stock.*

windshield-wiper fluid is full and wipers are in good condition. Turn on the headlights when you turn on your windshield wipers.

- Increase your following distance. Focus as far ahead as possible. Avoid hard braking. It could keep you from sliding into another vehicle or barrier.
- Not all vehicles respond similarly to icy, slippery roads. Familiarize yourself with the vehicle's

braking system, tire tractions and all-wheel-drive systems. Avoid using cruise control in wintry conditions.

- Don't panic if your vehicle becomes trapped in a storm or snowbank. Avoid overexertion and exposure and stay in the vehicle. Run the motor sparingly and keep fresh air in the vehicle. Stay moving and don't fall asleep. Stay alert for traffic and

first-responders.

- Try to avoid secondary roads and drive with caution. Measure your speed to road and weather conditions. Avoid passing other vehicles when road conditions are at their worst. Bridges, ramps and overpasses freeze first.
- Plan your route and make sure someone knows which way you will be traveling, your destination and expected arrival time, especially when driving long distances. Report a safe arrival.
- Leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows. Remain at least 200 feet behind them.
- Carry a winter-survival kit in the trunk or storage area of your vehicle. Fully charge your cell phone; and always keep a road map, flashlight, first-aid kit, blanket and shovel in your vehicle.
- And most importantly, drive slowly. Take your time. The posted speed limits are meant for dry pavement.

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