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### Fall Driving Tips

(NAPS)—Fallen leaves can result in hazardous driving conditions—as dangerous as ice in winter.

“Be extra careful driving on wet leaves because they can cause skidding, and in some situations could help cause an accident,” said Mary Kimbro, of the CertifiedFirst™ Network.



**THOSE AUTUMN LEAVES—**After those falling leaves drift by your window, they land on the road and can cause skidding, particularly following rain, frost or snow.

Here are some fall driving safety tips:

- Be especially careful on roads where leaves accumulate, particularly following rain, frost or snow.
- Be careful not to park where leaves collect. Wet leaves can be slippery, but dry leaves beneath your car can be ignited by heat from the exhaust system.
- Budget extra time if you'll be traveling on leaf-covered roads, and be patient with motorists driving cautiously.
- Watch for accumulated leaves, which can hide potholes and other uneven surfaces.
- Be conscientious—if your trees line roads, keep driving surfaces clear.

For information on what to do in case of an accident, visit [www.certifiedfirst.com](http://www.certifiedfirst.com).

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