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NEWS RELEASE

With another winter travel season underway, the Shawano County Highway Department is reminding motorists to be extra cautious when driving near snowplows - and to consider staying off roadways when winter storms make travel treacherous.

Most collisions between snowplows and other vehicles occur when the snowplow is rear-ended, usually by a driver traveling too fast for conditions. Snowplow operators may need to slow down or stop as part of their operations. Visibility is poor during major winter storms and is another reason to simply stay off roadways until conditions improve.

State law (346.915) requires drivers to stay at least 200 feet behind a snowplow engaged in snow/ice removal upon any highway with a posted speed limit of more than 35 mph.

Also a reminder that plowing snow from private driveways onto the roadway is illegal per Wis. Statutes 346.94 (5), and causes many concerns for public safety as well as damage to vehicles and plowing equipment when piles of snow are left on the roadway or shoulders.

We thank everyone for their cooperation in these matters.

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Highway Commissioner