

Severe Weather Headed Towards Maryland Wednesday Evening and Thursday Could Affect Driving Conditions

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June 3, 2020 – The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) is closely monitoring a severe weather system expected to affect most of the state this evening and Thursday.

The National Weather Service is reporting the main concerns for this evening are large hail and damaging winds, which could make travel challenging for motorists. Localized flooding could occur on Thursday due to excessive rainfall.

The combination of heavy rain and high winds could cause trees and large limbs to fall, which pose a hazard to motorists and can create power outages affecting traffic signals.

Here are some travel tips to help keep motorists safe during severe weather:

- Buckle up! It's the law.
- Make sure all passengers, even those in the back seat, are buckled up.
- Do not drink and drive!
- Slow down and pay attention, avoiding distractions such as cell-phone use.
- Observe all posted speed limits.
- In case of an emergency along interstate routes, drivers with cellular phones can dial #77 to reach the Maryland State Police.
- See and be seen. If it rains, remember that Maryland State Law requires the use of headlights while windshield wipers are in use.
- "Turn Around, Don't Drown!" – It only takes a small amount of water to get swept away in a flood.

You can always check real-time traffic conditions at md511.maryland.gov.

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