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Snowy weather and icy roads may create their share of automobile accidents, but sun glare can be a hazard that few people anticipate.

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Sun glare can be a nuisance and make for dangerous driving, particularly in the early morning or late afternoon when the sun is low on the horizon. The angle of the rays may render sun visors useless. Accidents due to sun glare do occur and more frequently than drivers may know. In October 2007, sun glare was responsible for at least two accidents in Colorado. In the first few months of 2010, data compiled by the Abu Dhabi Traffic Department showed the sun's glare was blamed for 22 minor crashes. Sun glare is a problem all around the

To prevent sun glare from becoming a hazard when you're driving, consider these safety tips.

- * Delay driving times to occur before or after sunrise or
- * Use polarized sunglasses that can help prevent glare.
- * Do not use high-gloss products on the dashboard, which can contribute to extra glare.
- Keep the inside and outside of the windshield clean.
- * Make use of sun visors.
- * If glare is a problem, leave extra space between your car and others in the event of sudden stopping or other road hazards.

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