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Don't skip the scrape

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When the temperatures drop, it may be tempting to scrape a spot big enough to see through and call it good enough. Driving while peering through a small opening in the frost is known as "peephole driving".

"Don't skip scraping your entire windshield," said Laura Thue, Senior Research Coordinator with City of Edmonton's Office of Traffic Safety. "Whether it is condensation on the inside of your windshield or frost and snow on the outside, driving safely means seeing what is happening around you."

The City of Edmonton and Edmonton Police Service remind you that it is illegal to drive without a clear view out the windshield, side and rear windows. Driving while peering through a small section of a frosted or snow-covered windshield may prevent you from seeing pedestrians crossing the road or vehicles driving in adjoining lanes.

"Keeping your windshield obstruction-free involves not just scraping off the ice and snow, but making sure the car is warmed up properly so your windows don't frost up as you drive," said Thue.

Spending an extra minute or two clearing your windows in the morning could save a life. By taking this step for the safety of others, will help the City of Edmonton reach [Vision Zero Edmonton's](#) long-term goal of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries.



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