



You are driving on a mountain road on the day after a snowfall. The photo shows the view from the driver's seat. The snow on the road is all melted, but some remains on the shoulder. The temperature is low, but the weather is nice, and steam is rising up off of the road surface. You are approaching a curve in the road as two cars approach from the other direction.



Your Position



Weather



Time of Day

You are driving on a snowy mountain road.

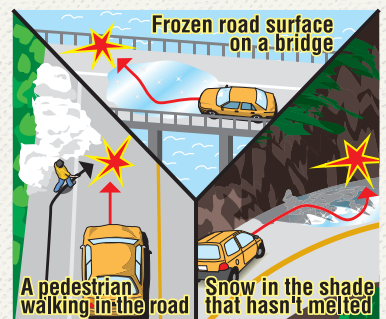
What should you be looking at right now?

**ANSWER**

You should be paying attention to the line being taken through the corner by the red car.

When you entered the curve, the second oncoming car crossed the center line and almost crashed into you. When going around sharp curves, it's not uncommon for oncoming cars to cross the center line. Each lane is narrower than normal as there is snow on the shoulders, and

this makes it more likely for oncoming cars to cross over into your lane. It's important to slow down ahead of time, pay attention to the path taken by oncoming cars, and be careful not to get too close to the center line when you're driving.



Be careful after it snows

When the snow melts, people have a tendency to drive as if the conditions are normal, but the road surface may still be frozen and slippery in shaded areas and on bridges and other places where the road surface is colder. Don't forget that pedestrians sometimes step out into the road to avoid snow on the sidewalks (see illustration).

● Read Nagayama's risk prediction commentary online. (Japanese only)

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