

Hamilton College Procedures for Private Vehicles Stuck in Snow

During the winter season, private vehicles in parking lots and on campus roads may become stuck in the snow and ice.

Due to the possibility of damage to both private and college vehicles, possible injury to college personnel and general liability concerns for providing direct assistance to free the vehicle, the following guidelines apply to Physical Plant and Campus Safety personnel and use of college vehicles when assisting any private vehicle incapacitated by snow or ice.

1. No college vehicle will be used to push or pull a private vehicle from a snow bank or from a ditch
2. Personnel shall not attempt to push or pull a vehicle from a snow bank or ditch
3. Should Campus Safety or Physical Plant personnel be at the scene of a vehicle stuck in the snow, ice or a ditch, they should ensure that other traffic can safely pass and contact the Campus Safety desk to inform them of the situation.
4. The Campus Safety dispatcher and the Physical Plant work desk shall keep on hand a list of tow truck companies and phone numbers that can be provided to the driver of the stuck vehicle. The college is not responsible for the hire of the tow service. Hiring and payment for towing is strictly the responsibility of the vehicle's driver
5. Plant personnel or Campus Safety personnel may assist by shoveling snow away from the vehicle to open a path if they judge it safe to do so.

Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Director of Physical Plant or the Director of Campus Safety.