When driving in the resort, drivers must always carry snow chains in their vehicle during the declared snow season and fit them as directed by Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort officers.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - chain fitting by Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management (the Resort) is offered with chain hire at Resort Entry. We strongly suggest that you use this service to fit your chains.

CAUTION - Driving in alpine conditions contains inherent risks. The following information is a guide only. The driver assumes and accepts all risks associated with driving in alpine conditions. The Resort is not responsible and is not liable in any way for the application of the following information or the driver's conduct in alpine conditions.

•Only fit chains to driving wheels (check the manufacturer's guidelines when fitting chains).

•Fit chains at fitting bays on level ground.

•Only use chains that have been designed specifically for your vehicle.

•If chains fall off or loosen when a vehicle is in motion, stop and check for damage before re-fitting.

•Carry a torch, plastic garbage bag and gloves to make fitting easier.

•Use diamond pattern snow chains.

•Tyres must be in good condition with minimal wear.

•For better control of your vehicle and to prevent damaging the chains, drive at a lower speed and avoid sudden acceleration or braking.

Visit the Resort website for more information on driving in alpine resorts and snow chains.

BLACK ICE CONDITIONS

You cannot see black ice. Black ice generally forms at night time, in the early mornings or on sections of the roads that have not been exposed to sunlight, like under tree cover. Take the following steps to minimize risk.

• Check for black ice warnings by visiting the Vic Traffic website or downloading the Vic Traffic app.

•If possible, use a car equipped with Electronic Stability Control (ESC).

•When braking is necessary, apply the brakes gently.

•Slow down and be patient.

•Delay your trip if you can to avoid icy conditions. If you have to drive, allow plenty of time and drive carefully.

•Braking takes longer in icy conditions so always allow for plenty of room between you and the car in front.

What do I do if I hit black ice?

•If you hit black ice, you will have little or no control over your vehicle.

•Until you clear the patch of ice, use the accelerator, brakes and steering as little as possible.

•Avoid accelerating, braking hard or turning the steering wheel quickly. If you try to struggle against the ice by braking hard or steering in the opposite direction, you increase the risk of spinning out.

What are the rules regarding snow chains?

Snow chains must be fitted when directed by the authorities in the snow fields.

The Alpine Resorts (Management) Regulations 2009 outline the following:

1. A person in charge of a vehicle who enters an alpine resort must, at all times during the snow season, carry wheel chains suitable to be properly fitted to that vehicle.

2. An authorized officer may, at any time, for reasons of safety or for the control or protection of an alpine resort, direct a person in charge of a vehicle to ensure that wheel chains are properly fitted to the drive wheels of that vehicle or, in the case of four wheel drive vehicle, to either the front or rear wheels of that vehicle.

 3. A person in charge of a vehicle entering or in an alpine resort during the snow season must, when directed to do so by an authorized officer under sub-regulation (2), ensure that wheel chains are properly fitted to the vehicle in the manner directed by that officer.

 Please note, substantial fines apply for not complying with the rules regarding snow chains

MT BAW BAW ALPINE RESORT AGREEMENT
ALPINE RESORTS VICTORIA SNOW CHAIN RENTAL AND FITTING AGREEMENT

1. I (as the hirer or user of the chain fitting service listed below) accept full responsibility for the care of the rental equipment listed on this form and I agree to pay for any damage to and/or loss of the equipment resulting from any cause and replace at full rental value.

2. I understand that late returns are charged at normal rates.

3. I agree that the hire period deemed as "1 Day" is to be returned by 7pm on the same day as it is hired.

4. I agree to report any fault or damage caused either by myself or a third party at the time it occurs. Faults or damage are not refundable unless reported to Alpine Resorts Victoria.

5. I understand that late fees will apply after 7.00pm on the listed return date.

6. As per manufacturers terms and conditions I will not drive at a speed of greater than 40km per hour while chains are fitted.

7. I warrant that the vehicle is suitable for snow chain use. I understand that Alpine Resorts Victoria reserves the right not to fit chains to vehicles where the Alpine Resorts Victoria, its agents or employees believe that the vehicle is not suitable for snow chain fitting.

CHAIN FITTING AGREEMENT

All due care is provided by Alpine Resorts Victoria, its agents and employees to ensure the correct fitting of snow chains as per the manufacturer's instructions.
Though due care is taken by Alpine Resorts Victoria, its agents and employees, the Board does not guarantee and/or warrant its chain fitting and hire service in any way.

Alpine Resorts Victoria, its agents and employees accept NO RESPONSIBILTY for equipment failure/damage or for damage or injury caused to property or person/s including third party property and person/s.

Chain hire and fitting services provided by Alpine Resorts Victoria, its agents and employees are provided at an "at own risk" basis and "owner" onus applies to the driver and owner of the vehicle. Alpine Resorts Victoria, its agents and employees shall not be liable for any injury, loss, delay, inconvenience or damage of any kind as a result of any cause.

I am aware of and understand the risks, dangers, and hazards associated with alpine driving and snow chains.
I. the hirer and/or driver of the vehicle, hereby confirm the terms and conditions of this agreement.