Basic rules for snowplow safety

South Lake Tahoe has issued the following safety tips and information regarding snow removal safety:

- City snow plows are deployed when an average of 3 inches of snow have accumulated on the ground citywide.
- Snowplows have the right of way on streets and vehicles left unattended in the streets are subject to citation and/or tow. The city right-of-way extends beyond the edge of the pavement to the property line, generally 5 to 10 feet beyond the edge of the pavement.
- The primary purpose of snow removal is to clear snow from streets for emergency vehicles, school buses, hospital entry, refuse trucks and all vehicle traffic.
- Keep all trash containers behind the berm, on your property. Improper placement of trash containers can result in damaged containers and/or snow removal equipment.
- When shoveling snow from your driveway, shovel to the right as you face the street. This way, the plow will move the snow further down the road, rather than move the shoveled snow back into your driveway.
- Keep children indoors while snow removal operations are under way.
- Don’t watch snow removal operations from the edge of the road. Keep a safe distance (40 feet) when driving/standing behind snow removal equipment.
- The maximum speed when chain controls are in effect is 25 mph.