



Winter driving safety:

STAY SAFE ON THE ROADS WITH 8 TIPS FOR WINTER DRIVING



Plan your route carefully before setting off. Check the weather forecast and travel news, and try to stay on major roads which are more likely to have been cleared and gritted.



Let other people know where you are going and what time you expect to arrive. If you'll be on the road outside of daylight hours, check all vehicle lights are working before you set off.

12%

of surveyed drivers have driven in the dark with broken or faulty lights



Prepare your vehicle. Clear your windscreen, mirrors and lights of snow, ice and any other debris.

24%

of drivers have driven without clear windows or mirrors, and 19% have driven with broken windscreen wipers or empty washers.



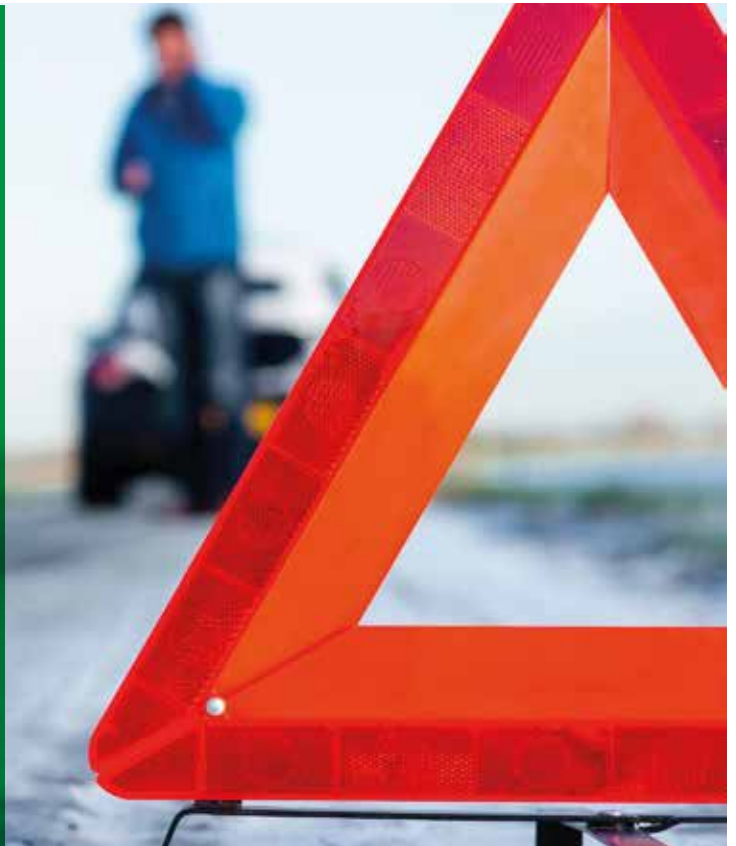
Check your tyres for the present weather conditions. You may not need winter tyres, but it's still important to have adequate tread. Only 63% of drivers check for the recommended minimum tyre tread depth of 3mm for wet weather conditions.

23%

only check for the legal minimum depth of 1.6mm, and 14% do not check their tyre tread at all.



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Pack a winter driving kit. This should include an ice scraper or de-icer, a torch, a warm blanket, food and drink and a high-visibility vest. Of Brake's surveyed drivers, 15% do not carry an ice-scraper or de-icer.

47%

do not carry a torch, 62% do not carry a blanket, 80% do not carry food and drink, and 73% do not carry a high visibility vest.



Operate vehicles gently and carefully. Accelerate and brake gently, keeping the revs low to avoid wheel spin. If your vehicle does skid, steer into it and ease off the accelerator.



Pull away in second gear when driving in snow, easing your foot off the clutch slowly. Change up to a higher gear as quickly as possible.



Keep your speed low and increase your distance from the vehicle in front, allowing more time to stop and manoeuvre. In snow or icy conditions, stopping distances can increase by as much as ten times.



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