



Generic Winter Safety Advice for Motorists

Vehicle	Tyres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check for tread depth, damage and correct pressures (including spare) • Consider the purchase of snow tyres for the most inclement months – they can be changed back and stored in the spring.
	Brakes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure that the brakes are operating firmly and evenly on all wheels and that there is sufficient life in the pads.
	Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check glass for chips or cracks. Extreme temperatures in winter months can cause damaged screens to shatter. • Make sure that wiper blades are in good condition and consider carrying spares. • Make sure the washers, both front and rear if applicable, are topped up. You may wish to make the mixture stronger to guard against freezing – follow the guidance on the bottle. • Carry spare washer fluid in the boot. It is also a good idea to keep some in a washing up liquid bottle for example so that if the nozzles freeze, you can stop where safe and spray the windscreen. • Carry de-icer and a scraper. • Before driving off in snow or ice, make sure that all windows and mirrors are completely clear. Completely clear any snow from the roof, bonnet and boot of the vehicle.
	Lights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check all lights for correct operation (including hazard warning lights). • Carry spare bulbs and fuses for your car. • Carry an old cloth or sponge so that you can clean your lights before setting off if necessary. • Be aware that fog lights can cause dazzle if used in the wrong conditions. They should only be used in conditions of seriously reduced visibility

Personal	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure you have enough fuel to complete your journey, and allow plenty of time in adverse conditions. • Have your vehicle radio preset for local stations so that you can get up to date weather and travel information. • Consider the necessity of your journey in conjunction with local weather and traffic advice.
	Equipment	<p>Consider carrying –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra clothing • Blankets • Appropriate boots or shoes in case you need to walk • Shovel • Flask with a hot drink • Food • A charged mobile phone so that you can keep in contact if you have to stop • A torch
Highway Code	Advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Highway Code gives advice on driving in adverse weather conditions in rules 226 - 236

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