



Winter

Driving

Top tips for Winter Driving

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It can take up to ten times longer to stop when the roads are icy. Avoid sudden braking, sharp turns, or sudden increases in speed. If you encounter black ice, don't brake quickly or make any sudden steering movements, ease off the accelerator and go slowly.

2

It can take twice as long to stop when the roads are wet compared to when they are dry. If you begin to lose traction or 'aquaplane', take your foot off the accelerator and slow down - don't brake hard. Spray can make it hard to see; slow down and keep your distance from other vehicles.

3

Don't try to cross floods if the water seems deep. If you have to go through a shallow flood, drive slowly in first gear to avoid stalling the engine. Avoid the deepest water, which is usually near the kerb. Once you have driven through a flood, test your brakes. Only drive on at your usual speed if the brakes are working well.

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In fog, drive slowly and use dipped headlights or fog lights so that other vehicles can see you. Don't drive too close behind another vehicles.

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Add useful telephone numbers to your mobile phone. For example, your breakdown provider or emergency contacts.

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Make sure you're fit to drive. Never drink and drive or take medication that impacts your driving. Get your eyes checked regularly and don't drive if you are tired.

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Leave extra space around your vehicle: thinking space, braking space and manoeuvring space.

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