

Driving Advisory | Winter Driving

Advice for when you have to drive in bad weather



From the AA. Driven to keep people safe

The Facts



Winter tyres are especially made for low temperatures, giving grip when braking.



Frost & wet patches remain in some areas (under trees, bridges in shadows).



A.B.S. lets you steer & brake simultaneously to minimise skidding – still take extra care.

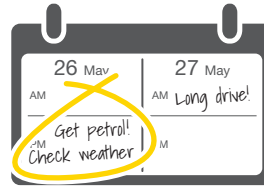


Black ice is hard to see and is caused by rain falling on a frozen surface.



Roads can close for hours after heavy snow, prepare to be stuck in traffic for hours.

The Advice



The night before a long journey: **REFUEL, CHECK TRAFFIC and WEATHER.**



Keep **BREAKDOWN RECOVERY** contact numbers in your vehicle.

Carry out a **P.O.W.D.E.R** check:

- ✓ Power (fuel or electric)
- ✓ Oil & other fluids
- ✓ Water for washers (winter mix), radiator & drinking
- ✓ Damage to lights, windows, mirrors, number plates;
- ✓ Electrics - bulbs, wipers, horn and warning lights,
- ✓ Rubber: tyres, wiper blades



Remove snow and ice from the entire vehicle especially roof, lights & all glass screens.



KEEP VIEW CLEAR.

If no side window vents or heated mirrors, angle heater vents towards them.



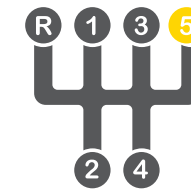
Use **DIPPED** headlights so others can see you.



Don't drive fast; Maintain a **SAFE STOPPING DISTANCE** in front of you.



Avoid skidding with no harsh acceleration, braking and steering.



Unless automatic, drive in a high gear ASAP, but ensure it offers engine braking.



In snow and ice use gears to engine brake; show brake lights with slight pedal touch.



Little road noise can indicate ice. If driving on ice increase your following distance by 10.



At **LOW SPEEDS** fresh snow can provide better grip than compacted snow.



ALWAYS TAKE a hi-vis jacket, mobile phone, charger, first aid kit & prescription medicines.

In Winter **ALWAYS CARRY:**



- ✓ De-icer | ✓ Ice Scraper | ✓ Torch | ✓ Sturdy Footwear
- ✓ Warm Clothes | ✓ Shovel
- ✓ Food & Drink | ✓ Screen Wash