

Winter months make driving more hazardous with drivers having to deal with shorter days and longer nights, fog, rain, ice and snow.

This safety alert has been written to provide a reminder and a few tips on safe winter driving.

Make sure:

- You have plenty of time, don't leave in a rush.
- Your windows, lights, mirrors and registration plates are clear of snow and frost.
NOTE: You must not drive with snow on your vehicle.
- Your vehicle is in good order, with working wiper blades, winter screenwash, plenty of fuel and oil, working lights, good tyres etc.
- You adapt your driving for the time of day, the weather conditions and the visibility.
- You INCREASE the safe distance between yourself and other vehicles.
- You control your speed and leave plenty of time to slow down for bends, traffic lights, roundabouts etc.
- You carry provisions such as clothing, blankets, warm drinks and food in case you are stranded.

Take time to think about the increased risk of vehicle accidents in winter and the potential impact that it may have on:

- Your health and safety
- Other people's health and safety
- Your vehicle being out of use for a period of time
- Increases in insurance costs

Prepare, take your time, slow down, keep a safe distance from other vehicles and remain safe.



If you have any health and safety issues that you wish to discuss contact your supervisor, line manager or Safety Advisor.

Remember there must be NO COMPROMISE where health and safety is concerned.