

### What?



- Winter driving is all about being prepared for winter weather conditions such as ice, snow, fog, high winds, heavy and persistent rain and flooding, when behind the wheel.
- It is also important that vehicles are maintained correctly for winter conditions and are safe to drive.

### Why?

- Driving in the winter allows all groups to get out and enjoy the countryside all year round.
- Having a positive attitude to safe driving in wintry conditions means that the risk of injury or damage to the vehicle is reduced.
- Good vehicle maintenance practice will reduce the risk of avoidable damage and keep costs down.
- Carry a Winter Driving Kit to include; shovel, jump leads, road atlas, sunglasses (to reduce glare on bright snowy days), a torch, warm clothes, de-icer and scraper.



### Do ✓

- ✓ Make sure all fluids are topped up and are at the correct level, including; oil, anti-freeze, brake fluid and screen wash
- ✓ Make sure tyre tread depth is at least 3mm
- ✓ Make sure the whole vehicle is clear of snow when driving to improve visibility and reduce the risk of snow falling onto the windscreen from the roof or into the path of other vehicles
- ✓ Drive through standing water slowly, letting oncoming vehicles pass through first
- ✓ Plan ahead, make sure you know the route you intend to take and alternatives if it is blocked
- ✓ Stick to main/gritted routes whenever possible

### Don't ✗

- ✗ Don't attempt a journey that would put you or your passengers at risk
- ✗ Don't park on a wet or icy surface that may result in getting stuck and/or cause passengers to slip when alighting the vehicle
- ✗ Don't ignore 'Road Closed' signs
- ✗ Don't use fog lights when visibility is more than 100m
- ✗ Don't drive through flood water without knowing the depth
- ✗ Don't make any sudden or unnecessary manoeuvres in adverse weather conditions
- ✗ Don't drive too fast for the road conditions
- ✗ Don't get too close to the vehicle in front

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