

Stay safe: winter driving

By safely disposing of your liquid waste, you are helping to protect the natural environment. But it's important to protect yourself and others too.

Wind, rain, snow and ice – winter can throw the very worst at us. To help you to prepare for bad weather here is some helpful advice to make your journey safer and less stressful.

Before you set off, ask yourself:

- Am I fit to drive?
- Do I really need to travel now or can my journey wait until the weather improves?
- Should I plan an alternative route?
- Have I checked my route for delays and poor weather conditions?
- Have I checked my vehicle before driving (lights, tyres, windscreen wash etc)?
- Have I packed an emergency kit?
- Will I need to change my driving style to suit conditions?

When driving in snow and ice:

- Clear any snow on the roof of your vehicle before you drive off. It can slip down over the windscreen and obscure your view.
- Select second gear when pulling away, easing your foot off the clutch gently to avoid wheel-spin?
- Look for clues such as ice on the pavement or on your windscreen. If your tyres are making virtually no noise on the road it could be a sign that you are driving on ice.
- Pay attention to the changing roads, traffic and weather conditions.
- Do not brake - it will just lock up your wheels and you will skid further.

Always be prepared for the unexpected:

If you had to brake suddenly in an emergency, could you stop safely within the distance you can clearly see ahead of you?

