

Winter Road Safety

Be prepared for a safe journey

Remember!

In snow & ice

- Allow extra time to slow down and stop.
- Use a high gear to avoid wheel spin. Manoeuvre gently.
- Don't lock your wheels while braking – select a low gear, allow your speed to drop, use the brake pedal gently.
- If you start to skid, ease off the accelerator gently. Don't brake suddenly.



In Fog

- Use dipped headlights
- Only use fog lights when visibility is very poor or you will dazzle on coming drivers.
- Don't fix on the tail lights of the vehicle in front – you may end up driving too close.
- Don't speed up suddenly as the fog clears. Fog can be patchy and you can find yourself back in thick fog unexpectedly.



In Rain

- stopping distance dramatically increases on wet road surfaces.
- keep well back from the vehicle in front for improved visibility.
- unresponsive steering means your tyres are struggling to grip the road. Ease off the accelerator and slow down gradually.

Check Point!

- The legal minimum tyre tread depths is 1.6mm. Check yours are legal.
- Ensure wiper blades are in good condition.
- Ensure the windscreen washer bottle is kept topped up.
- Are lights and indicators in good working order and clean?

Slow down



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Working for Safer Roads in Dumfries and Galloway.

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