

## Driving in Winter Conditions - Tips to stay safe

### General Driving Tips

- Slow down and leave extra space between you and the vehicle in front
- Allow more time for your journey
- Listen to local and national radio for travel and weather information
- Only travel when absolutely necessary
- Don't assume a road has been salted

Keep these items in your vehicle:

- Ice scraper
- De-icer
- First aid kit
- Torch

If severe weather is forecast and you have to travel keep these items in your vehicle:

- Warm clothes
- Blanket
- Boots
- Spade
- Food & drink

Before your journey check:

- Your windows and mirrors are clear of ice or condensation
- Your vehicle lights are clean and working
- Your wiper blades are effective
- Your vehicle anti-freeze is the right concentration (your garage can do this for you)
- Your tyres are at the correct pressures.

### Advice for pedestrians

Many pavements aren't routinely salted. In times of prolonged icy weather, or when snow remains on the ground, we will treat major areas, i.e. main shopping places. Many pavements in residential areas are not treated.

Consider whether your journey is essential and always wear appropriate footwear. Where possible, delay your journey until the frost has melted. Avoid using pavements in the shade.

## **Advice for cyclists**

Cycle ways aren't normally treated with the same frequency as roads on the priority routes. In periods of prolonged icy weather or when snow remains on the ground cycle ways will be treated in priority order depending on their use and accessibility.