

Winter Weather and Driving – are you ready?

The long cold dark nights of the winter months brings many hazards for all road users, but especially so during periods of bad weather.



In dangerous weather conditions such as heavy rainfall, fog, snow and ice , it is best to avoid making a journey by road unless absolutely necessary.

If driving in such conditions is unavoidable, by taking simple precautions and having basic equipment in your vehicle will help you to be prepared:-

- *Keep an eye on weather forecasts.
- *Carry de-icer spray and a windscreen scraper; a shovel; waterproof and warm clothing , hat, gloves and a blanket.
- *Check tyres are in good condition, pressures and tread depth. 5mm is recommended.
- *Ensure vehicle lights are working and replace blown bulbs quickly.
- * On wet roads slow down and allow extra distance between you and the vehicle in front.

The golden rule is drive with care and caution and expect the unexpected.

Further useful information can be found on the website below:-

<https://movingon.blog.gov.uk/is-your-company-ready-for-winter/>

<https://www.rha.uk.net/training-compliance/compliance/drivers-operation/severe-weather>

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/368988/winterhighways_info_sheets_-_trucks_and_coaches.pdf

Alternatively print and display the Winter Driving Poster accompanying this newsletter.



When
WINTER
bites ...



Have you got what it takes to keep on trucking?

Make sure your cab is well-stocked with winter kit, including warm clothes and a torch for thorough vehicle checks.

Don't cut corners in the cold!

Be prepared: search **winterhighways**