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# WARNING WINTER AHEAD

With winter upon us, a few tips towards safe driving and car maintenance always come in handy to ensure you're fully prepared for the months ahead.

## Your pre-winter checklist

Check your tyre tread – less than 1.6mm is illegal and won't give you enough traction in icy conditions.

Fill your washers with a quality screen wash to avoid freezing, taking care to read the instructions on the bottle.

Check your oil and water – take any steps you can to pre-empt a breakdown.

Make sure you've got [Arrival from RAC](#).  
Call **0800 197 7823**.  
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Stock your car with a few winter driving essentials. You'll need:

De-icer, ice scraper, blanket, torch, coat and gloves, boots, shovel and RAC Assistance card.

## Don't leave home without it

Take a fully charged phone, a flask of hot drink, food and water.

Let people know where you're going and when you'll get there.

Don't clear windows with boiled water. Use a scraper or de-icer spray.

Don't be impatient. Clear your windscreen, lights and mirrors of snow and wait for them to de-mist before you set off.

Check you've enough fuel for the journey.

Don't switch on your wipers as it may cause the fuse to blow. Carefully dislodge them with warm water or de-icer spray.

Remember – if the forecast or conditions are severe, only drive if the journey is absolutely necessary.

## Driving in ice and snow

Leave twice as much space as you normally would between you and the car in front.

Avoid skidding by pumping your brakes when slowing down and accelerate gently when speeding up.

When ABS is activated, it will produce a pulsing sensation through the brake pedal, accompanied by a slight buzzing. The ABS light will not illuminate. Don't worry, this is completely normal.

Keep an eye out for pedestrians – they can be very unpredictable in icy conditions!

When pulling away use a higher gear than normal and use dipped headlights.

**Be careful, think ahead and drive safely out there this winter.**

