

ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER?



BEFORE YOU SET OFF...

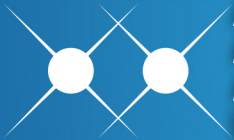
YOU MUST BE ABLE TO SEE, SO CLEAR ALL SNOW AND ICE FROM ALL WINDOWS



MAKE SURE THE MIRRORS ARE CLEAR AND THE WINDOWS ARE DEMISTED THOROUGHLY



YOU MUST ENSURE LIGHTS ARE CLEAN AND NUMBER PLATES ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE AND LEGAL



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REMOVE ALL SNOW THAT MIGHT FALL OFF INTO THE PATH OF OTHER ROAD USERS



DID YOU KNOW?

DRIVING ON CORRECTLY INFLATED TYRES HELPS YOUR TYRES LAST LONGER AND WILL REDUCE FUEL BILLS!



OVER **15,000** BREAKDOWNS PER YEAR ON ENGLISH MOTORWAYS ARE TYRE-RELATED!!!



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BE AWARE!

NEVER LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE UNATTENDED WHILE DEFROSTING.

AROUND **£12.7 MILLION** POUNDS OF VEHICLES STOLEN EACH YEAR.

INSURANCE MAY NOT PAY OUT IF VEHICLE STOLEN WHILE UNATTENDED.



BE PREPARED – IS YOUR VEHICLE READY FOR WINTER?

THERE ARE THINGS YOU CAN DO AT THE START OF WINTER, BEFORE THE BAD WEATHER, TO PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE AND REDUCE THE CHANCES OF BREAKING DOWN.



CHECK YOUR VEHICLE IS IN GOOD RUNNING ORDER, MAKE SURE TYRES HAVE GOT PLENTY OF TREAD AND CONSIDER REGULAR SERVICING TO HELP MINIMISE THE RISK.



IF YOU'RE GOING AWAY, CHECK WHAT THE FORECAST SAYS FOR YOUR RETURN JOURNEY AND IF YOU'RE TRAVELLING SOME DISTANCE REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEATHER AT YOUR DESTINATION AND ALONG THE ROUTE TOO.



CHECK THAT YOUR VEHICLE IS READY FOR WINTER USING THE **POWDERY** CHECKLIST AS A GOOD REMINDER:

PETROL (or diesel). Have you got enough? Do you know where to fill up?



OIL — check levels once a month



WATER — check radiator and screenwash regularly



DAMAGE — check wipers, lights etc for signs of wear and tear or damage, and make sure windscreens, windows and lights are clear of ice and snow.



ELECTRICS — check lights, indicators and controls are working properly



RUBBER TYRES — are they well inflated, legal, with good tread and free from damage?

YOU — are you fit to drive? Have you slept well? Are you taking any medication that could make it unsafe for you to drive?

GATHER TOGETHER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AND PACK IN YOUR VEHICLE AT THE START OF THE WINTER SEASON, YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MIGHT NEED THEM!

Ice scraper and de-icer



Warm clothes and blankets — for you and all passengers

Torch and spare batteries — or a wind-up torch



Boots

First aid kit

Jump leads

A shovel

Road atlas

Sunglasses

(the glare off winter sun can be dazzling)

IN ADDITION, WHEN SETTING OUT ON JOURNEYS DURING THE WINTER SEASON REMEMBER TO TAKE WITH YOU:

Food and a flask with a hot drink

Any medication you, or other people travelling with you, need to take regularly

