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Winter Driving - Tips and Facts

Facts

- 7°C = The temperature at which tyres start to lose grip
- 0°C = Tyres have little or no grip
- 20°C = Theoretically the temperature road salt works down to
- 8°C = The temperature road salt actually works down to

Before you set out on a winter journey, consider

- Is your journey really needed
- Have you checked your route and the weather forecast
- Can you stick to main roads (normally cleared and gritted first)
- Is your vehicle serviced & fuelled
- Check oil, water, windscreen fluid and lights
- Check tyre pressures and condition
- Have you breakdown cover and a charged mobile phone
- Have you got emergency equipment



Suggested list includes – 1 litre of drinkable water, 4 x energy bars, waterproof boots, winter jacket, scarf, gloves, hat, reflective jacket, piece of old carpet, shovel, blanket, torch, reflective warning triangle, paper etc.

When driving in winter, modify your driving to suit the conditions ...

1. Clear all glass before you start your journey (windows and lights)
2. Recognise the fact it could take 10 times the normal stopping distance, so you need to drive slower, and with more space in front
3. If a skid starts
 - Don't panic
 - Remove the cause – usually excessive speed, cornering or braking
 - Steer into the skid