

When
WINTER
bites...



Carry a winter kit

When the weather's bad it's a great idea to have a winter kit on board and be prepared for the journey.

How to stay safe

Get the kit ready at the start of winter and keep it in the car **you never know when you'll need it:**

- ice scraper and de-icer
- warm clothes and blankets - for you and your car passengers
- torch and spare batteries or wind-up torch
- boots
- first aid kit
- jump leads
- shovel
- road atlas
- sunglasses (low winter sun can dazzle)

When setting out on journeys in winter, take:

- mobile phone (fully-charged)
- food and a flask with a hot drink
- any medication you or your passengers need to take regularly



Pre-journey checks: are you safe to drive?

Use the **POWDERY** checklist for pre-journey safety checks!

Petrol (or diesel). Have you got enough?

Oil - check levels once a month

Water - check radiator and screen wash once a month

Damage - check wipers, lights etc for signs of damage

Electrics - check lights, indicators and controls are working

Rubber - are your tyres well inflated, legal, with good tread and free from damage?

You - are you fit to drive? Are you tired? Are you taking medication that could make you unsafe to drive?