Before driving in winter weather conditions

Check your vehicle

- Ensure all tyres are in good condition with adequate tread and pressure.
- Check the brakes and steering are functioning correctly.
- Check the oil, coolant, and windscreen washer fluid are at the correct levels.
- Check for any loose parts or debris.
- Check the battery is in good condition and not excessively corrosion.
- Check the air conditioning system.

Before setting off

- Check the weather forecast and road conditions.
- Ensure all passengers are wearing seatbelts and well-protected.
- Check the fuel level and carry a spare fuel canister.
- Check the route and plan for stops.
- Check the emergency kit and carry a first aid kit.

In winter conditions you should:

- Slow down and drive with caution.
- Increase the following distance to allow for longer stopping distances.
- Use a steady speed and avoid sudden acceleration or braking.
- Use dipped headlights in reduced visibility.
- Use the correct gear and avoid high gears.
- Use the heater and anti-fog settings.
- Avoid using your phone.
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Why some roads may still be icy

- Road frost can still have a significant impact.
- Ice can form on bridges and overpasses.
- Icy patches can be found on bends and sharp corners.
- Ice can form on the shoulder and kerbs.
- Ice can form on the pavement.

During bad weather conditions:

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Further information

For more information, visit the Lincolnshire County Council's website or contact the customer services team.

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