

# Get your car ready for winter



⚠ Remember to remove all snow and ice from all windows before setting off! ⚠

- 1 Check your tyre tread**  
The legal minimum tyre tread is 1.6mm but in winter conditions 3mm is better to give better grip onto the road surface.
- 2 Watch your speed**  
Icy roads and foggy weather make driving difficult. Watch your speed to give enough time to slow down and to avoid skidding.
- 3 Keep a breakdown kit**  
Keep items like a torch, shovel, blanket, scraper, de-icer, snacks and a high viz vest in your car - just in case.
- 4 Clean & check your lights**  
All lights should be working properly and are clean and free from snow including reflectors - it's the law!  
You should also keep your wipers and windscreen clean.
- 5 Check your battery**  
Batteries last on average around 5 years - in winter they are used more for heaters, lights and wipers so check if yours needs replacing.
- 6 Get your car serviced**  
Cold weather creates a lot of problems for cars which could be avoided by preparing your vehicle with a service. Lots of companies offer free winter car checks too.