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Driving in Snow and Ice

Weather events associated with snow, sleet, ice and frost increase the risk profile for all staff who drive to and from their workplace and who commute for work. Remember stopping distances are 10 times longer in ice and snow conditions.

Please see below for Road Safety Authority safe driving tips:

1. Make sure your vehicle is safe – check tyres, wipers and lights are in good order.
2. Make sure you can see – clear snow and ice from windscreen/windows and snow from roof.
3. Keep up-to-date with weather and traffic reports, local radio is often the best.
4. Drive slowly, accelerate, brake and manoeuvre gently.
5. Give yourself and others space on the road, expect the unexpected.
6. Use the highest gear possible to avoid wheel spin.
7. Beware of 'Black Ice'. Sheltered/shaded areas in low lying places need extra caution.

   Click here to access the RSA Advice

For further information please refer to:

- [Private Drivers' Handbook](#) Section 2.5, "Weather Conditions Seasonal and Hazardous"

- [Fleet Drivers' Handbook](#) Section 2.3 "Weather Conditions – Seasonal and Hazardous" for further information.

What do I need to do?

Managers/Supervisors:
- Ensure all staff receive a copy of this alert
- Keep Driving/Road Safety to the fore in all safety conversations/briefings
- Ensure Road Safety initiatives are included in your local safety action plan

All Drivers:
   Before you drive:
- Take note of all local weather alerts and associated driving advice.
- Plan your journey before leaving, decide your route and know how long you should be travelling, tell somebody when to expect you.
   If you have to drive:
- Maintain situational awareness of your surroundings and expect the unexpected.
- Leave plenty time for your journey.

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