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**Severe Weather Driver’s Check list**

**Items to carry in your vehicle or a bag to take on each journey**

* **Mobile Phone**
* **Emergency contact details**
* **Water or Flask of hot water**
* **Folding shovel**
* **Wellington boots**
* **Spare pair of socks**
* **Warm Hat/Gloves**
* **Waterproof Jacket**
* **Blanket**
* **Torch**

**OUR ADVICE IS NOT TO TRAVEL IF YOU FEEL UNSURE ON THE CONDITIONS AND IT IS NOT AN ESSENTIAL TRIP.**

**If you need to venture out in adverse weather conditions,**

**Our advice is to have these items in a bag near the door so you can take them with you as you leave on your journey.**

**As winter approaches please check your vehicle over or have it checked, Antifreeze levels, Oil, Tyres (Condition and Pressures) Including the Spare, Wiper blades, Lights all working, Check you have spare bulbs and fuses.**

**Please also locate you vehicle towing point and the towing eye that is supplied with it, Place the towing eye in the glove box so it can be easily and quickly accessed if you need rescuing.**

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**Snow Driving**

**Before leaving in your vehicle, Ensure you have cleared all snow from windows, Lights Front and rear also from the roof of you vehicle where possible as this can defrost and slide down onto the windscreen while driving.**

**Have headlights on dipped beam at all times when snowing.**

**Keep your distance from the vehicle in front.**

**Try to avoid sharp breaking and heavy acceleration, Move into 2nd or 3rd gear as soon as possible with as little acceleration as possible this will give you greater grip and handling.**

**IF YOU FEEL UNSURE OR UNSAFE STOP IN A SAFE PLACE AND CALL FOR HELP, Putting on you hazard lights and keep the engine running and heater on until help arrives**

**FLOOD DRIVING**

**First point to make is, DO NOT ENTER THE WATER, Driving into a closed road that is signed as closed due to flooding WILL INVALIDATE YOUR VEHICLE INSURANCE.**

**If you have breakdown cover you will also find most companies will not enter the flood water if it is over 3 inches deep, They will call the fire brigade to assist and unless someone’s life is in danger, This could leave you with a very large rescue fee, That your insurance company will NOT pay**

**If However you do find yourself in un signed flood water and you have no choice but to travel through the flood water.**

**Keep the revs high on your vehicle, Stay in 1st gear using the clutch keep a constant speed, This will push the water away from you keep the revs high all the time.**

**The most important thing is to keep the engine running, If the vehicle stalls, DO NOT TRY TO RESTART IT, It could cause irreparable damage, Climb onto a seat and keep yourself warm and dry using the blanket etc that you have in your bag and Phone for assistance, With details of where you are and on what road.**

**If you make it through the water then the first thing to do is to slowly apply the brakes as you drive for a short period, This will help dry them out, Make sure they are fully working before you continue on your journey,**

**AGAIN IF YOU FEEL UNSAFE OR UNSURE STOP AND CALL FOR ASSISTANCE.**

**KEEP THE ENGINE RUNNING TO KEEP YOU WARM UNTILL HELP ARRIVES.**

**All of the above is just advise and is not meant to be taken as an instruction on how to drive, Hopefully it will help you have safe motoring throughout the winter.**

**We hope this information has been helpful to you**

**Thank you**

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