

Tips for Driving on Snow and Ice

- 1 Don't drive if you don't need to!
- 2 Prepare your car, have good tyres and strong concentration of anti freeze and screen wash
- 3 Prepare yourself, have warm clothing, proper footwear, food and drink
- 4 Prepare your route with attention to known trouble spots
- 5 Clean off your car windows and lights before you start your journey, it is important to see and be seen
- 6 Move off in a higher numbered gear
- 7 Drive smoothly with minimum inputs
- 8 Drive more slowly than usual
- 9 Try to keep your wheels turning and limit wheel spin
- 10 Plan to not stop
- 11 If you have to stop in a queue leave a big gap to the car in front, in case you have to move away from someone else
- 12 Leave much more space, both for yourself and to deal with other drivers lack of common sense
- 13 Look for grip, shiny surfaces are bad, fresh snow can give more grip
- 14 Remember ABS and traction systems will not help you in snow and ice
- 15 Use two hands on the steering wheel, this helps you control the car if it slides
- 16 If you slide remove the cause, look where you want to go, push the clutch down and steer into the slide
- 17 Use your lights and have sunglasses to hand for low sun
- 18 Remember that in snow & ice your stopping distance is at least 10 times more than normal** This can also be affected by your cars condition (bald tyres) and tiredness will also affect your stopping distance.