

## 176 WEATHER CONDITIONS

Adverse weather conditions affect your ability to see and be seen.  
These conditions are:-



RAIN



FLOOD



STRONG WINDS

177 The basic rules to follow when driving in bad weather conditions are:

- (a) Reduce your speed so that you can manoeuvre safely.
- (b) Do not out-drive the actual distance that you can see clearly.
- (c) Switch on your headlights so that you can see more clearly and be more visible.
- (d) Turn on the demister to clear the mist on the windscreen.
- (e) Move to a safe spot and stop at the side of the road with your hazard lights turned on if you cannot see clearly. Proceed when conditions are favourable.
- (f) Use a faster front windscreen wiper speed when driving in heavy rain.

178 On a wet road, the stopping distance of a vehicle will increase to about twice the distance of that on a dry road. This is because there is less friction between the tyres and the wet road surface. On a wet road, stepping hard on the brake pedal (locking the wheels) will cause the vehicle to skid or spin. If you lock the wheels accidentally, quickly release the brake pedal and apply the intermittent (ON/OFF) braking technique until the vehicle comes to a stop. Thus, on a wet road, it is important that you drive at a slower speed to avoid such dangerous circumstances.

