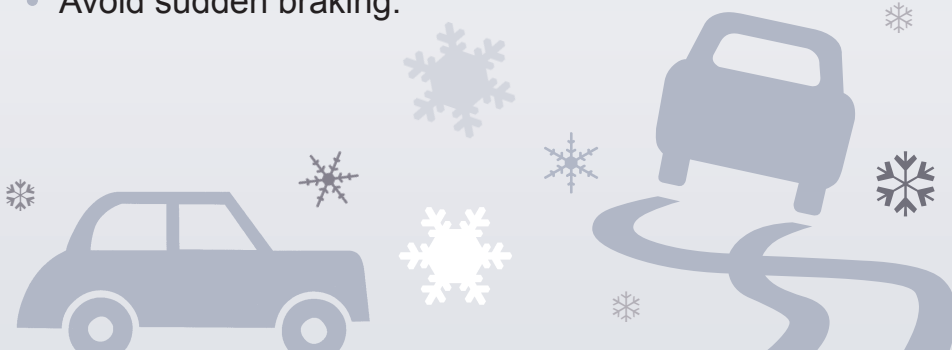




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- Carry out a pre-winter safety check on your car, including tyre pressures, anti-freeze and de-icer.
- Keep a shovel and blanket in the boot.
- Allow extra time for your journey.
- Clear all windows of snow or ice before setting off.
- Clear any snow from the roof - it may slide off once you start moving and obscure your vision.
- Clear snow from headlights.
- Use dipped headlights in bad visibility.
- Keep a safe distance from the car in front.
- Adapt your speed to the prevailing conditions.
- Avoid sudden braking.



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- If you do brake and ABS kicks in, apply steady, rather than sudden, pressure to the brakes.
- Stay in lower gears to keep traction.
- If you go into a skid, depress the clutch and turn the steering wheel in the direction of the skid.
- Be alert for pedestrians using roads, when pavements are impassable due to snow or icy conditions.



## If You Get Stranded

- Stay with your car - don't leave unless you know exactly where you are and how far you will have to go for help.
- Try to find something bright to hang from your radio aerial.
- If you have enough fuel run the engine for about ten minutes every hour (but check first that the exhaust pipe is clear).
- Keep at least one window slightly open.

## Find Out More

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