
IMPORTANT WEATHER ADVICE FROM RSA INSURANCE

Leading insurance company RSA provides important advice about how you can limit the risks that you and your family might face during serious weather conditions.

YOUR HOME

- Leave your central heating running in all rooms at a constant temperature (the coldest time is between 1am and 3am).
- Open your attic trap door to let warm air circulate into the attic. Leave the area under the tank un-insulated.

Know where your stop valve is, so that if you do have a leak, you can turn off the water

- Treat your driveway with salt and grit, so as to prevent slips and falls.
- Please check on the well-being of elderly neighbours.

YOUR CAR

Only make journeys if they are absolutely necessary. Keep a close watch for weather warnings and heed the advice of the emergency services.

- Before setting out, ensure all windows in your vehicle are fully clear. Brush all snow from the car's roof, as it could slip down over the windscreen. Remove snow or ice from your shoes to reduce the risk of them slipping off the pedals.

When moving off from a standstill, use second gear to minimise wheel spin.

- It can take up to 10 times longer to stop in icy conditions so always allow extra room between you and the vehicle in front. Stick to main roads as these are more likely to be gritted .
- Make sure your tyres are in good condition (minimum 1.6mm) and also check the condition of your wiper blades.
- Keep water, blankets and a first aid kit in you car, for emergency situations. Check anti-freeze levels and carry de-icer in case the locks freeze.
- If warming your car up don't leave it unattended with the keys in the ignition. Many cars are stolen this way by opportunist thieves each year.
- Take your breakdown telephone help-line number and mobile phone with you on all journeys.

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