

AUTUMN DRIVING

Helping you to stay safe while driving in the changing seasons

With the colder weather upon us and the nights are drawing in earlier, the potential for driving risks is increased. Let's take a look at the risks that the autumn season brings.

Some autumn risks are not instantly obvious. Fallen leaves on the road coupled with wet driving conditions can significantly increase your vehicle's skidding potential. Foggy conditions are also likely to increase this season and the reduced visibility can make for challenging driving conditions.

Refresh your knowledge with the below guidance to gain a heightened awareness of the autumnal risks.

HELPFUL GUIDANCE



WET LEAVES & WATER

Reduce your speed as leaves can be hazardous, especially when wet. Avoid heavy acceleration and braking as it can cause skidding.



ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR

Wildlife habits change with the seasons. Take extra caution when travelling in rural areas, especially in early morning and evening.



VEHICLE DEBRIS

Regularly clear out the engine bay below your windscreen to prevent water collection which can damage electrics.



REDUCED LIGHT LEVELS

Stay cautious of children walking and cycling to and from school. Peak times see more vulnerable road users, and vehicles on the road.



FROST & ICE

Allow extra time at the start of your trip to de-ice your vehicle thoroughly to maximise visibility. Be cautious of potentially slippery road conditions.

FOG & VISIBILITY

You must avoid travelling in heavy fog and pull over if visibility is less than 50m. It is recommended that you:

1

Keep your speed low as fog can distort your impression of speed

2

Use dipped and/or fog lights rather than full-beam which will reduce visibility

3

Allow plenty of room to the car in front and, when slowing down, using mirrors and brake lights to warn drivers behind