

SAFE DRIVING TIPS FOR WET ROADS



1 MAINTAIN YOUR TYRES

Tyre tread is always important but especially when driving in rain. Bald tyres – that is tyres that look as if the tread has been worn away – are more likely to slip or skin in wet conditions.

2 SLOW DOWN

Yes, it's obvious. But did you know that you should slow down even in a light drizzle? Even a small amount of water can mix with oil on the road, making it easier for your car to slip and slide. Besides, even good tyres will have reduced traction in the rain; slowing down will make skidding

3 KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Pouring rain, wet roads and wet brakes make accidents more likely. Leave a five-second gap between your car and the vehicle in front so that you have enough time to slow down if you need it.

- KEEP BOTH HANDS ON THE WHEEL

 In wet weather, it's important that you're in full control of your car. Leave the cell phone to ring, and ladies don't reach in your handbag or pass things to the kids and even let the coffee get
- cold! An incident can happen at any moment and you're more likely to react safely if you've got
- When you're driving in the rain you need to see and be seen. Not only do headlights make it easier for you to see the road, they help other drivers see you too.
- 6 AVOID STANDING WATER

Deep water can seriously damage your car's electrical system. You could stall. You could lose traction and skid across the road, maybe even crashing. You could splash other drivers and impair their vision. And you have no idea how deep the water actually is. Our roads and infested

- BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

 Hydroplaning happens if a layer of water builds up between your tyres and the road, leading to
 - a loss of traction. If this happens to you, ease off the gas, gently tap the brakes and steer straight until you're back in control of the car. If your car starts to skid, look and drive in the direc-
- DON'T DRIVE

 If the weather is particularly nasty and you haven't left yet, it may be best to wait until it improves. Yes, we know you passed your driving test (or we hope so) and you may even have been driving for years. But safety should still be your number one priority.
- 9 AND REMEMBER...
 KEEP CALM AND DRIVE SAFELY...









