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Safer Driving This Winter

Derek

What advice can you give me about winter driving?

Despite everyone's best efforts, winter weather can still make roads treacherous and there is no guarantee that roads will always be completely free of ice and snow. The key to safer driving this winter is to make sure you and your vehicle are fully prepared and to make sure you always drive with due care for the weather and condition of the roads.



Defrosting your car;

When defrosting your car, never leave it unattended while your key is in the ignition. It takes just a matter of seconds for you to become a target.

Winter driving advice before you set off;

Check the local weather forecast and traffic reports.

Plan your route, allow for extra travelling time and consider alternative routes if practical.

Check your car battery, lights, indicators, windscreen wipers and washers and coolant level.

Make sure your windscreen and all windows are clear and unobstructed.

Make sure your tyres have the correct pressure and are in good condition with at least 3mm of tread.

Avoid travelling in severe weather conditions unless your journey is essential.

Tips for safer winter driving;

Keep a safe stopping distance at all times, it can take ten times longer to stop in ice and snow.
Avoid harsh braking and sudden acceleration; this could lead to skidding.
If visibility is poor during the day due to heavy rain, snow, fog or mist, use dipped headlights.
If visibility is seriously reduced, use rear fog lights, but remember to turn them off when visibility improves so as to not dazzle other road users.
Drive in the highest gear possible in icy conditions to avoid wheel spin.
Do not drive in flooded areas or places where ice could be covering water.
Watch out for motorcyclists, cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders – they can be difficult to see in bad conditions.
Try your brakes after driving through deep water, braking lightly will help to dry them out.
Always give our gritters and snow ploughs plenty of room, be patient and don't follow too closely behind.

Parking your vehicle during winter;

If you park your car on a main road or gritting route during winter, please make sure it's not causing an obstruction. Blocked roads could mean we are unable to grit or grit that road and could also mean your vehicle is at risk of damage if our gritters have to manoeuvre around your vehicle.

Kind Regards

Colin Hester
PCSO 7359

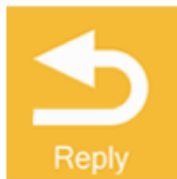
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Offer Lancashire Constabulary A Helping Hand This Winter

Dear Derek

We're asking local people to lend our officers a helping hand this winter by taking simple steps to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime.

The Helping Hand campaign launches today (Monday 9th December 2019) and aims to encourage people across Lancashire to do their bit in keeping our county safe, offering a helping hand to the Constabulary and their local communities by following simple, but effective, crime prevention advice.



This winter, to keep our communities safe, we are:

- Increasing patrols, creating a visible presence throughout the county
- Hosting additional neighbourhood policing surgeries to offer crime prevention advice and answer any queries or questions
- Working with local businesses across Lancashire to help them reduce their risk of becoming victim to crime at one of the busiest times of the year for retailers
- Giving out crime prevention materials throughout the county, such as purse bells
- Cracking down on drink and drug drivers to increase safety on our roads during the winter months

You can support the Helping Hand campaign and Lancashire Constabulary by following these 12 tips of Christmas:

1. Avoid leaving/storing keys where they can be seen or reached through a letter box or window - some criminals use fishing rods and hooks to pick up keys and take them through the letter box

2. Consider using timer lights or leave a light on in a room and draw the curtains when you go out at night
3. Before you answer the door, stop and think if you are expecting anyone - not all burglars wear a balaclava
4. Avoid doorstep sales or offers, such as drainage clearance for cash up front. Bogus traders often offer too good to be true deals to con you into paying for services you'll never receive
5. Avoid getting stranded on a night out by booking a cab home in advance. Let your friends and family know your plans. Remember to ask for the drivers name and registration number to ensure you get into the right car
6. Love your mobile? It takes seconds to be snatched, so try to avoid using it unnecessarily in crowded places
7. Together, we've got security wrapped up - when out and about, look out for yourself and others, remain vigilant and report anything suspicious by ringing the Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321
8. Ensure that your car is prepared for the colder months - you wouldn't fly without the proper checks being carried out, so why drive without them?
9. There's no safe drink/drug drive limit. Both drink/drug driving costs lives
10. When buying or selling online, anyone can fall prey to cyber criminals. Always use secure sites - look out for the padlock symbol in the website address bar. It means that all banking details you put into the site at checkout are safe
11. Be wary of anyone calling saying they are from your bank. Also, avoid clicking on any links in emails that seem to be from your bank. Both phone calls and email are methods fraudsters use to try and gain access to your bank account. If in doubt speak directly to your bank
12. When defrosting your car, never leave it unattended while your key is in the ignition. It takes just a matter of seconds for you to become a target

For more information about the Helping Hand campaign and to download crime prevention factsheets please visit: lancashire.police.uk and search Helping Hand.

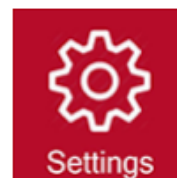
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