

TOP DRIVING TIPS

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Here in Ireland and across the pond in the UK, we're no stranger to a cold winter (and not the warmest of summers either). This can cause difficulties being a driver on the roads, so whether it's de-icing your car on an icy morning or driving carefully in torrential rain, you always need to know the best ways to keep you and your family safe.

We asked a selection of car experts and bloggers for their top tips on driving in a variety of different weathers, including fog, wind, rain and ice.

This collection of top tips will help keep you safe and prepared on the roads, whatever the weather.

TIPS AND TRICKS FROM THE CAR EXPERT

“One thing that constantly amazes me is the number of people who don’t make an effort to keep their windscreens clean. Being able to see clearly ahead of you is a critical safety issue, yet every day in winter I see drivers peering through small clear spots because they didn’t clear the ice off the whole windscreen. Or, they were in too much of a rush to wait a few minutes for the inside of the screen to demist before setting off.

Keeping your windscreen washer fluid topped up is key, because you use it a lot more during winter to deal with grit and grime thrown up off the road. Having your vision obscured by a dirty windscreen is unsafe, so you need to rectify it immediately before carrying on with your journey.”



TO STAY UNFROZEN...



IRISH CAR BLOGGER, CAROLINE

(changinglanes.ie)

“To keep your car from freezing over “park your car in the direction of the morning sun so it will get a head start on defrosting!”



IRISH PARENT BLOGGER, LAURA

(confessionsofanirishmammy.com)

“To warm up the car use a bucket of warm water (NOT hot or boiling) on the windows to get rid of any frost.”



LIFESTYLE BLOGGER, KERRY

(fabuliciousfifty.com)

“When driving in icy conditions use your gears to slow down and keep away from the brake!”



IRISH PARENTING BLOGGER, AILEEN

(oliviasmotherblog.com)

“Start the car 5 minutes before you leave the house for two reasons: 1. To heat it up and 2. So we don’t have to be sitting and waiting in a cold car for the windows to defrost!”



WHEN THINGS GET FOGGY...

“Give yourself plenty of space and keep your distance from the car in front”

BLOGGER,
SANDRA

(chicest.co.uk)



DRIVING IN THE RAIN...

“Always use dipped headlights and stay well back from the car in front of you.”

IRISH BLOGGER,
SINÉAD

(bumblesofrice.com)



ON THOSE BLUSTERY DAYS...

“Keep both hands on the wheel as much as possible. Being in control of the wheel and paying attention to ergonomics makes you a much safer driver.”

IRISH BLOGGER,
ELENA

(ruinireland.com)

