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Driving in rain and floods

- When the road is wet it can take twice as long to stop. Slow down and maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front.
- If your vehicle loses grip, or “aquaplanes”, on surface water take your foot off the accelerator to slow down. Do not brake or steer suddenly because you have less control of the steering and brakes.
- When faced with a flooded road, be very careful as you can't always tell how deep the water is. Just 30cm of flowing water can wash a car away.
- If you have no alternative but to drive through floods, drive slowly, use a low gear and try to keep the engine revving at a high rate. Move forward continuously to avoid stalling the engine. When driving an automatic vehicle, engage and hold in a low gear. And remember to test your brakes after driving through water; they may be ineffective.



Whatever the severe weather always adjust your driving according to the conditions

Make sure you can see clearly and that you can be seen. Use at least dipped headlights in poor visibility – and don't just rely on daytime running lights if you have them.