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## **RAC issues advice to drivers ahead of Christmas**

**With two days until Christmas Day, RAC chief operations director James Knight said:**

“The combination of 21 million people now being under the tightest Covid restrictions and travel being reduced to just a single day means we aren’t anticipating as many car trips this Christmas as we’d normally see.

“But, as predicting when and where people will drive this year is proving an

almost impossible task, there's still the potential for the Christmas period to create problems on the roads. So we'd encourage drivers to think really carefully about whether they should make a trip given government guidelines on travel and socialising.

“For those definitely driving on what is expected to be a bitterly cold Christmas Day [our expert local patrols recommend a few simple checks before setting out](#). Drivers should ensure oil and coolant levels are where they should be, tyres have plenty of tread and are inflated to the correct pressures, and there's plenty of screenwash to keep the windscreen clear. Spending just a few minutes checking these things could make the difference between a stress-free journey and one disrupted by a breakdown at the side of the road.

“Regardless of how busy the roads end up being, our teams will be there to get those who are unfortunate enough to breakdown moving again.”

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## **About the RAC**

The RAC provides complete peace of mind to 12m UK private and business drivers, whatever their motoring needs. Its services include:

- **[Breakdown assistance](#)**. Its highly-skilled, 1,600-strong branded patrol workforce attends more than two million breakdowns every year, fixing on average four out of five vehicles at the roadside. The RAC's patrol fleet is one of the most advanced in the UK, and was the first to roll out both an [All-Wheels-Up recovery system](#), allowing the vast majority of vehicles to be recovered from a single patrol van, and [EV Boost](#) mobile electric

- vehicle charging units
- [Insurance](#). The RAC is a top-five [car insurance](#) broker having surpassed the 500,000 policies-in-force milestone in 2018. It also offers '[black box](#)' [telematics policies](#), as well as home and travel insurance
- **Other motoring services.** The RAC leads in the development of new solutions for business, fleets, electric vehicles and future car technology. Its additional products and services include a [personal loans offering](#), a [used car buying website](#), [vehicle inspections and checks](#), [legal services](#) or up-to-the-minute [traffic and travel information](#). It also has a network of [Approved Dealers](#) and [Approved Garages](#) which combine the trust of RAC brand with local service and convenience

The RAC also works to support the interests of its members and UK drivers on the most important motoring issues which it identifies via the annual [RAC Report on Motoring](#) and the RAC Opinion Panel. The Report on Motoring is the longest running analysis of driver opinion in the UK having been published every year since 1989.

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