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## RAC issues advice to drivers as current cold snap continues

With widespread [weather warnings for snow and ice in place across the UK](#) to the end of the week, RAC patrol of the year Ben Aldous said:

“It’s vital that those that need to use their cars for essential trips in the national lockdown ensure they’re equipped for the big freeze over the next few days. Fog, ice and in some places snow are the enemies of drivers. In order to avoid falling foul of the conditions it’s important for motorists to adjust their driving style to suit the conditions. Being gentler on the throttle

and brakes, and slowing down particularly on rural or ungritted routes can help ensure a safe and trouble-free journey.

“But before setting out drivers should check their tyres have plenty of tread and are properly inflated to ensure they have the best grip possible. Windscreens should be completely cleared of ice and snow before moving off so visibility isn’t impaired. Drivers who start out peering through a misted up or poorly cleared windscreen are putting lives at risk.”

*For more advice on reducing the chances of breaking down in the cold weather, [visit RAC Drive](#).*

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## **Notes to Editors**

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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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