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RAC issues warning to drivers with arrival of Storm Bert

With the [arrival of the next named storm - Storm Bert](#) - which will see a combination of heavy rain, strong winds and further snow in certain parts of the UK, RAC Breakdown spokesperson Alice Simpson said:

“As the heavy rain and winds from Storm Bert replace snow and ice in many parts of the country, drivers need to be aware of the rapidly changing conditions on the roads. Persistent downpours will lead to areas of standing water, so it’s important to keep speeds down as the risk of losing control

through aquaplaning on a thin layer of water is far greater. Drivers should also be very wary of puddles as they can sometimes hide dangerous potholes beneath that can cause expensive damage to vehicles.

“Strong winds increase the risk of debris falling into the road which makes journeys more challenging, particularly in exposed coastal areas where drivers might be at risk of being buffeted off course.

“Routes in Scotland, especially rural ones, look likely to face disruption from fresh snow that is forecast on Friday and Saturday. We encourage motorists to stick to major roads where possible and take extra care in the worst-affected areas. Those who have to drive should stay tuned to weather forecasts and allow plenty of time to de-ice and de-mist your vehicle, as it’s dangerous and illegal to drive looking out of a small gap in a frozen windscreen.”

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At the forefront of new solutions for business fleets and consumers, the RAC’s breakdown service is electric-ready with mobile EV charging technology and can be called on using [myRAC](#) – the all-in-one route planner, fuel finder and breakdown reporting app.

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