



Seasonal driving advice - spring and summer

Driving hazards change with each season. Please take care and drive to the seasonal road conditions. Here are some helpful tips and advice to help you stay safe on the road this summer. 

Sunlight

The angle of the sun will frequently hinder your vision. Remember if you can't see due to low lying sun, don't move off until you are 100% confident.

Beat the heat

Soft road surfaces such as tarmac can overheat in hot weather so adjust your stopping distances accordingly. Also ensure your vehicle is well ventilated. Use air-conditioning or open a window to combat fatigue.

Plan your journey

Ensure you account for road works or bank holiday traffic especially when travelling long distances and at peak time. Always allow time for a rest break.

Tyres

Slow down on damp roads. Tyres can hydroplane on a layer of water and can cause you to lose control especially following a dry period. Remember rubber is the only part of the vehicle which is in contact with the road. Ensure all tyres are legal!

Repair and maintenance

Ensure the vehicle is regularly serviced and has valid MOT. This will assist your vehicles reliability and ensure it is in a safe condition.

Keep extra water on board

Keep an extra vessel of water in your vehicle incase fluid levels need topping up. Also make sure you carry drinking water to keep yourself hydrated and cool.

Vision

Ensure you keep your windscreen and glass clean to reduce the risk of glare and maintain maximum vision.

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