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Current wintry weather - RAC statement

RAC Breakdown spokesperson Rod Dennis said: "The message to drivers from this latest forecast is to be on guard – warnings of the risk of disruption from either snow or ice cover almost all of the UK, which means drivers could be caught out just about anywhere.

"With at least a small amount of snow expected to fall quite widely, conditions on the roads are likely to deteriorate quickly so it is vital drivers are ready to adapt their driving style. We strongly recommend motorists drive with a light right foot to keep their speed in check, especially if the road surface becomes slippery. In the event of skidding, it's best to gently steer into the direction of the skid until the car regains grip – and it's important to avoid the temptation to stamp on the brake.

"Drivers should also take particular care on untreated surfaces, and it's a good idea to travel with an emergency pack – consisting of things like spare warm clothes, food and drink and a mobile phone powerpack – in case of a breakdown.

"Motorists can also dramatically reduce the chances of breaking down by giving their car a once over – this week we have seen big increases in vehicles breaking down as a result of failing batteries and problems with tyres, things that can be avoided with some simple checks."

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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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