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RAC issues advice to motorists ahead of high winds due Friday

Ahead of a weather warning from the Met Office warning of high winds in southern England this Friday, RAC Traffic Watch spokesman Rod Dennis said:

"Alongside milder, wetter conditions the wind will become a much bigger feature of the weather for some of us at the end of this week.

"Anyone travelling a serious distance in the south of the UK and driving on more exposed routes should expect strong, gusty winds on Friday. Reduce your speed, be extra vigilant of other road users and be particularly careful when overtaking high-sided vehicles, as you can buffeted off course.

"Standing water also represents a serious risk to drivers. The golden rule is if you don't know how deep the water is, do not attempt to drive through it. Where possible we recommend avoiding pools of water on the road altogether to cut the risk of aquaplaning.

"Modern vehicles are better equipped to deal with bad weather than ever before, but they are still by no means water proof. You are risking expensive damage, and putting yourself and passengers at risk, if you drive into water that is of an unknown depth."

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