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Storm Eleanor threatens treacherous driving conditions to Scotland and north England

The Met Office has issued a yellow weather warning for north east and west England, Northern Ireland and parts of Scotland between 6pm on Tuesday and 8am on Wednesday. Strong winds up to 80mph are expected as Storm Eleanor hits our shores - the fifth named storm of the season

RAC road safety spokesman Pete Williams said: “Drivers are warned to expect high winds and heavy rainfall across Northern Ireland, north east and west England and parts of Scotland as Storm Eleanor hits our shores this evening.

“We would advise motorists to check their local weather forecast and to consider whether your journey is essential. If they must drive then they should reduce their speed, allow plenty of room between their car and the vehicle in front and keep a good grip of the steering wheel and be prepared for gusts of wind particularly in exposed areas, on bridges and when overtaking high-sided vehicles.

“Be particularly mindful of bikers and cyclists who are susceptible to high winds and can be easily blown-off course. Allow extra time for your journey and it would be wise to ensure you have a winter breakdown kit including some extra warm clothing, waterproofs, a high-vis vest and warning triangle, pack some snacks and a flask with a warm drink and a mobile phone - just in case.

“When you get to your destination consider carefully where you park - avoid parking under trees, near buildings, telephone lines or other structures that could represent a falling-danger in severe winds.”

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