

Driving Safely in Winter Weather

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THE HAZARD

Most of the winter risk to a crew happens before anyone reaches the gate. Ice on the commute, ice on the site roads and a vehicle nobody cleared properly put more people in hospital than the work does.

WHAT GOES WRONG

- Windows scraped to a letterbox slot and the roof left loaded with snow.
- Same following distance as a dry day, on a road that froze overnight.
- Black ice at first light on a bridge, a ramp or a shaded stretch of the access road.
- Site lot never gets gritted because it belongs to nobody in particular.

CONTROLS: BEFORE YOU START

- Clear every window, mirror, light and the roof before you move. Snow off a roof blinds the driver behind you.
- Double your following distance, and brake earlier and softer than feels necessary.
- Treat bridges, ramps and shaded stretches as icy even when the rest of the road is clear.
- Check tire tread and pressure, and keep a scraper, blanket and charged phone in the cab.
- If conditions are bad enough to argue about, stop and call it in rather than pressing on.

ASK THE CREW

1. Which stretch of the route into this site freezes first?
2. Who is gritting the lot here, and when did they last do it?
3. What is in your cab today if you slid off and had to wait two hours?
4. Who drove in this morning and felt the vehicle let go at least once?

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Everyone present signs below. This sheet is the record of the talk.

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