

## 12. Driving in Severe Weather

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On 1st October 2007 a new “*alert status*” system came into effect for weather conditions including flooding, fog, ice, snow and wind.

When a severe weather warning is issued by the met office and the alert status is red, goods vehicles should leave the road network and find a safe place to park up and wait until the status is reduced to amber.

For winter driving it is useful to have:

- De-icer spray
- A shovel
- Waterproof clothing and rubber boots
- Gloves and a hat
- A blanket
- A vacuum flask of hot tea/coffee/chocolate
- A bar of chocolate or other high energy food

**Warning:** Drivers have died for want of such items, even in Britain.

If drivers are to find themselves driving in severe weather, then they should find a safe place to stop and contact BCD for guidance on the best and safest course of action.