

# Winter weather advice

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## Self help tips clearing snow from footpaths

### Do

- work from the footpath at all times - working towards oncoming traffic wherever possible
- place the snow on the verge or grassed areas.
- place snow at edges of footpaths next to the road. This helps to form a safety barrier between cars and pedestrians
- put sand or ash down on cleared areas as it will give grip to walkers.
- use grit/salt from grit bins sparingly.

### Do not

- lift too much snow or ice at one time. Compacted snow can be very heavy.
- use hot water to melt ice or snow – it may refreeze to form “black ice”.
- obstruct accesses or footpaths with the snow.
- use grit/salt from highway grit bins on private property – that is theft.
- You do not need to use a lot of salt - a teaspoon of salt per square metre will defrost ice patches..
- work in blizzard conditions.

## The law on clearing snow and ice from on roads and public spaces

There is no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your property, pathways to your property or public spaces. This includes both public carriageways and footways.

If an accident did occur, its highly unlikely that you would be sued as long as you:

- Are careful
- Use common sense to make sure that you do not make the pavement or pathway clearly more dangerous than before

People using areas affected by snow and ice also have responsibility to be careful themselves

## When working outside

- Wrap up warm
- Wear a reflective coat if available
- Wear stout footwear
- Wear snow and ice grippers when walking – especially when pushing snow
- Beware of hypothermia and wind chill effects

## Self help tips clearing snow off roads

### Do

- use purpose built snowploughs if available.
- skim the top of the snow off with a JCB/mechanical bucket to leave an inch of snow so you do not damage the road surface, remove cateyes or come into contact with ironwork.
- keep in regular contact – minimum hourly – with your operating base
- report any damage caused or found
- operate with dipped beam headlights at all time.
- operate flashing/rotating amber beacons (where fitted) at all times.
- place the snow on the verge or grassed areas.

### Do not

- scrape the road surface with a JCB/mechanical bucket
- obstruct accesses or footpaths with the snow.

## Vehicle operators/drivers must have and use:

- Reflective jacket
- Emergency food and drink
- Mobile telephone or radio system
- Wear stout footwear
- Wear snow and ice grippers when walking outside of vehicle