

Take Care when Driving this Winter - Here's Some Tips!

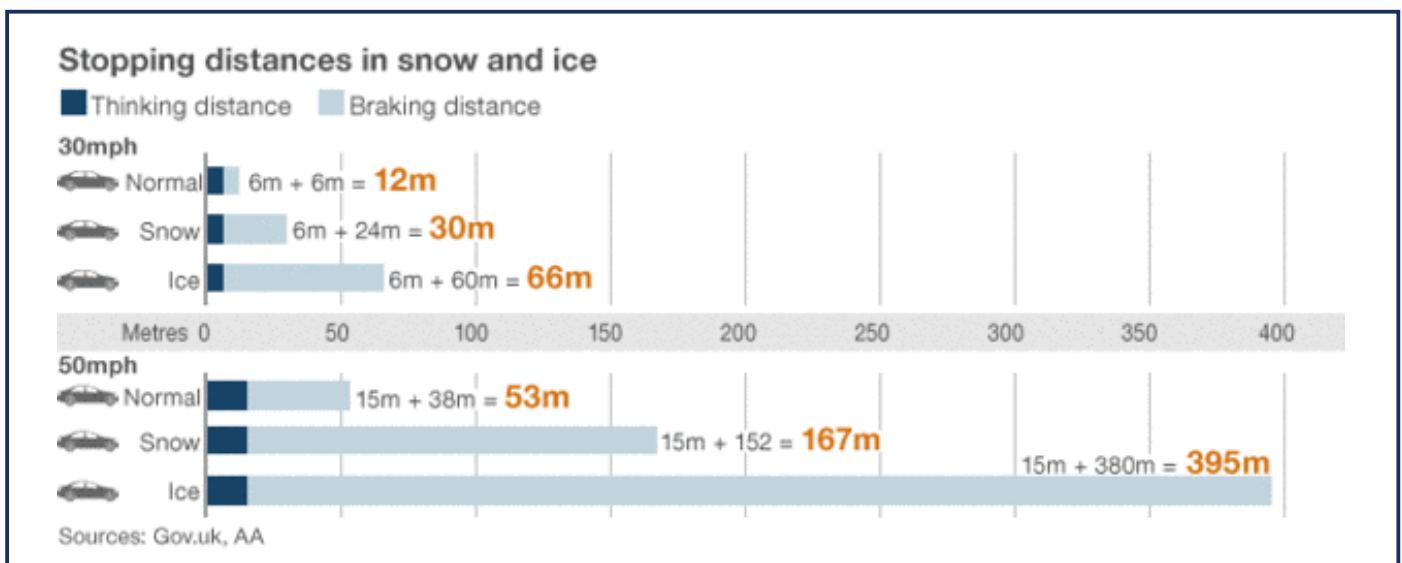
Driving in ice and snow, slippery roads are hazardous

You need to get your speed right when you drive in snow - not too fast so that you risk losing control, but not so slow that you risk losing momentum when you need it - and brake, steer and accelerate as smoothly as possible.

Start gently in second gear, avoiding high revs. Stay in a higher gear for better control, and only use the brake if you cannot steer out of trouble.

Stopping distances - a mixture of the time it takes you to respond, brake and then stop - increase substantially in snow and ice, so you need to adjust the distance at which you follow other vehicles accordingly. (See the graphic below)

Drive so that you do not rely on your brakes to be able to stop - on an icy surface they simply may not do that for you!



Here are some links related to the subject:

<http://www.rospa.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/road-safety/drivers/winter-driving-tips.pdf>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-16946762>

