

Driving in high winds



As you approach a sharp bend ease off the acceleration and be prepared for any debris that might obstruct the road.

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Be aware of other motorists and cyclists around you – strong winds usually come in gusts blowing bicycles, motorcycles, lorries and buses from side to side.

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Watch for gaps in rows of trees and buildings, the end of a cutting, a bridge over a river or railways – places where you are suddenly exposed to side winds.

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Avoid parking your car in a bay that is surrounded by trees and fully apply your handbrake before leaving the car.

If it's a manual gearbox leave it in gear – especially if parking on a slope.

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Plan your route ahead – avoid narrow roads which are more likely to get blocked by fallen trees, branches and wet leaves in windy weather.

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