Safety Margins Facts List

A small green car

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| Driving in snow and ice | |
| 1 | Brake gently when driving on snow or ice |
| 2 | Use the highest gear possible to move away on ice |
| 3 | When driving on ice use slow speed and a high gear |
| 4 | When driving on ice use the brake and gas pedal, and steer, very gently |
| Gears | |
| 5 | Using a lower gear will help control your speed when going downhill |
| 6 | Using a lower gear will give more power to pull a car uphill |
| 7 | Driving in no gear is known as coasting. It’s dangerous because you have less control |
| Stopping distances | |
| 8 | You should leave a 2 second gap when driving in normal conditions |
| 9 | You should leave a 4 second gap when driving in wet conditions |
| 10 | You should leave 10 times the gap, that means 20 seconds, when driving on ice |
| All Weather | |
| 11 | To prevent wheelspin, you should drive at a slow speed in a highest gear possible |
| 12 | Clear the windows and lights of snow and ice before driving away |
| 13 | When you’re driving on ice, you will hear less tyre noise |
| 14 | When you’re driving in fog, keep a safe distance from the car in front |
| 15 | Put your fog lights on if visibility is reduced to 100m or less |
| 16 | Put your fog lights off when visibility improves |
| 17 | If you are aquaplaning, your steering will feel light |
| 18 | If the weather is bad you should allow more time for your journey |
| Bends | |
| 19 | If a bend goes to the right, keep to the left side of the road. This will give you a better view of the road ahead |
| Anti-lock Brakes | |
| 20 | ABS stand for Anti-Lock Braking System |
| 21 | Anti-lock brakes not as effective on loose road surface |
| 22 | Brake rapidly and firmly for your anti-lock brakes to start working |
| 23 | Anti-lock brakes allow braking and steering while you are skidding |
| Other | |
| 24 | 4-wheel drive vehicles give a better grip on the road |
| 25 | After driving through a Ford, test your brakes by braking gently as you drive along |
| 26 | If you are parked on a steep downhill slope, turn your steering wheel towards the kerb |
| 27 | When approaching road humps, check your mirrors and slow down |