

# DRIVING RAIN DRIVING SAFE



**CHECK YOUR TYRES TODAY!**  
**SAFE TYRES SAVE LIVES**

# Your tyre tread grooves are critical to your safety on the road.

**In wet weather**, they help to remove water from the contact patch between your tyres and the road surface, meaning your car can brake, steer and accelerate properly.

Without adequate tread depth, your tyres may not be able to perform properly in wet conditions, reducing your safety on the road.

On very wet roads, low tread depth could even result in you losing complete control of your vehicle through a hazardous process called aquaplaning.

However, by regularly checking your tyre tread depth, you can minimise this risk, helping to keep you, your passengers and other road users safe.

## Tread depth and the law

The legal minimum limit for car tyre tread depth in the UK is 1.6mm across the central three quarters of the tread around its entire circumference.

Drivers found to be in breach of these laws risk a fine of up to £2,500 and three penalty points – for each tyre!

For maximum safety, it is advisable to replace your tyres before they reach the minimum tread depth.

## Braking distance on wet road travelling at 50mph to rest.

**NEW TYRE/8mm tread**

**25.9m**



**WORN TYRE/1.6mm tread**

**37.8m**



## TAKE THE 20p TEST

An easy way to check your tyre tread depth is to take the 20p test.



When taking the test, remember to check at least three locations around each tyre. As the test is so quick and easy, stay safe by checking your tyres at least once a month.

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