



# It's all foggy out there

Driving at night in the winter can be a potential hazard if the driver is not careful. So here are some tips to make your trip safer...

**T**he winters offer a beautiful time to drive, but bring with it quite a few hazards, most importantly fog. While driving through the night always keep a keen eye on the road. There might be obstacles or road works ahead which might not be clear due to the haze. Keep an eye on other headlights as there might be a ray indicating someone is approaching from another side.

But most importantly watch out for fog. The general instance is to hit the high beam at the slightest hint of fog. But fog settles above the ground and if you do hit the high beam, there will only be a white wall ahead. That's why fog lamps are always mounted at the lowest



It is a good idea to keep speeds low in foggy conditions

part possible on any car. So, in case your car doesn't have a pair of fog lamps and you plan to fit them, please do not position them on the roof although it might cool to some. Put on your hazards and be extra cautious. You might miss a traffic light or might not detect a two wheeler

ahead. Most importantly keep your eye open for other modes of transport which come void of lights like bullock carts and cycle rickshaws.

Your next plan of action should be to follow the dividing lines painted on the road. Follow them and you will never run off the

road. Another common reflex action is to hit the brakes when you cannot see ahead. But the car behind you might not be able to stop in such a short notice causing a crash. If you are truly scared, park at the side of the road but keep your hazards and lights on for other motorists to detect. It's also a good idea to follow someone ahead. But keep a safe distance.

Also, take a few precautions in a fog infested area. Say you have a flat. Park your car to the farthest corner of the road and switch on your hazards. Place the reflective warning triangle at a safe distance. Keep a watch for traffic which might not be able to spot you.

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