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MSA urges caution during coming months

The Motor Schools Association is urging drivers to take particular care this winter ahead of what is likely to be changeable weather conditions.

Already, this winter, there has been torrential rain and flooding and many drivers are unaware of the damage that may have been caused to their vehicles. Whilst some drivers have been extremely unfortunate in suffering serious and visible flood damage, others have put themselves into potential difficulty by driving through deep standing water, unaware of the possible damage.

John Lepine MBE, head of the MSA, said: "Many drivers are totally unaware of the consequences of driving through deep standing water and the longer-term damage that they may have caused to their vehicle. The problems can be anything from mould in the lower interior of the vehicle, rusting to the underside or, in the worst situations, engine seizure. Anyone who has been exposed to flooding or driving through water should at the very least have a technician check the vehicle; for their safety and for the safety of others."

The MSA has also issued its usual bad weather guidance, ahead of possible snow and ice, encouraging drivers to ensure that the 'under-the-bonnet' consumables such as anti-freeze, oil and windscreen washer fluid are all at the correct levels. Motorists should take advantage of the free service that many garages now offer.

Lepine continues: "This winter is expected to be harsher than usual with extreme freezing conditions following excessive rain fall. Any unexpected cold snap could result in some pretty poor driving conditions. We would urge all drivers to think very, very carefully about their journeys and not assume that either the road or weather conditions are the same as they were yesterday".

The simple message from the MSA is to think very carefully before undertaking any driving this winter and if in doubt don't drive.

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Editors note:

The MSA was founded in 1935 as a representative body for driving instructors and driving school owners and has around 5,000 members.

The MSA has consultative status with the Driving Standards Agency (an executive agency of the Department for Transport)

MSA lobbies on behalf of its members and campaigns for better road safety.