






# Tips for safe driving in autumn

Autumn brings a mix of weather conditions across Australia that can make driving hazardous if not approached with caution.

Here are some tips for driving safely in autumn.

-  **Check weather forecasts before you drive**  
Stay informed about weather forecasts along your fleet's routes and plan accordingly. Tune into a local radio station to check weather updates in-transit.
-  **Plan for sun glare**  
Autumn sun can be particularly blinding, especially during sunrise and sunset. Keep a pair of sunglasses handy and use your sun visor to reduce glare.
-  **Beware of changing weather**  
Be prepared for slippery roads and reduced visibility. Keep your headlights on even during the day. Slow down, or even pull over and wait if weather conditions become hazardous for driving.
-  **Electric Vehicle (EV) specific tips**
  - ▶ Cold weather can reduce the efficiency of your EV's battery. Keep an eye on your battery level, especially on longer trips, and plan accordingly.
  - ▶ Many EVs allow you to pre-condition the cabin while it's still plugged in, which can conserve battery power and help keep you comfortable in colder weather.
  - ▶ Regenerative braking may be less efficient in cold weather, so be prepared for slightly reduced efficiency in recharging your battery.
  - ▶ If your EV has Eco mode, consider using it to help conserve battery power.
-  **Adjust your driving speed**  
Arriving safely and avoiding accidents is the goal. So if conditions become unpredictable, reduce your speed and maintain a safe following distance to allow for longer braking distances.
-  **Dealing with falling leaves on the road**  
Falling leaves, especially when wet, can make roads slippery. Exercise caution, especially on tree-lined streets or in areas with heavy foliage.
-  **Maintain your regular service schedule**  
Fleet vehicle drivers should always ensure routine maintenance is completed. If you have any concerns regarding the drivability of your vehicle, book it into a dealership or service centre to be inspected.
-  **Be aware of wildlife**  
Autumn is mating season for many animals, increasing the likelihood of wildlife on the roads, especially at dusk and dawn. Be extra vigilant and watch for signs warning of wildlife crossings.

On the road, you can always contact **Custom Fleet roadside assistance** for support on **1300 139 555**.