**Monthly fleet focus, Weather Conditions**

**Driver Safety Messages**

Messages to send out to your drivers during the month

**Every year dozens of vehicles overturn due to high winds. Remember driving can be hazardous if wind gusts are over 30mph.**

**Always check your vehicle is roadworthy and suitable for the weather conditions before you set out. Check coolant, oil, fuel, brakes, lights, tyres, and wipers.**

**In winter, early nightfall, dark mornings, ice, wind, rain, fog and frost can all create driving hazards. Drive slower to compensate for difficult or shifting conditions.**

**Keep an emergency stash in your vehicle in case of winter holdups or breakdown. This should include warm clothing, heat pads, water, food rations and a charged mobile phone.**

**‘Slippery roads’ were a factor in 50 deaths and 1,100 serious injuries in 2022. Check your tyres and drive slowly enough to react safely to changing road conditions.**

**Did you know that stopping distances in wet weather can be four times greater? Slow down in the rain (a third of drivers don’t!) and leave plenty of space between vehicles.**