

Overview (rule 226)

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You **MUST** use headlights when visibility is seriously reduced, generally when you cannot see for more than 100 metres (328 feet). You may also use front or rear fog lights but you **MUST** switch them off when visibility improves (see [Rule 236](#)).

Wet weather (rule 227)

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Wet weather. In wet weather, stopping distances will be at least double those required for stopping on dry roads (see '[Typical stopping distances](#)'). This is because your tyres have less grip on the road. In wet weather

- you should keep well back from the vehicle in front. This will increase your ability to see and plan ahead
- if the steering becomes unresponsive, it probably means that water is preventing the tyres from gripping the road. Ease off the accelerator and slow down gradually
- the rain and spray from vehicles may make it difficult to see and be seen
- be aware of the dangers of spilt diesel that will make the surface very slippery (see [Annex 6: Vehicle maintenance, safety and security](#))
- take extra care around pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and horse riders.