Winter Road Safety

Winter is coming, which means changes in road conditions, daylight hours and unpredictable weather. Pedestrians, cyclists and drivers all have a responsibility to keep Scotland's roads safe this winter.

Advice for pedestrians

- Dress appropriately for the weather. Consider wearing reflective or bright-coloured clothing so other road users can see you when it's dark or visibility is poor.
- If walking home, particularly late at night, make sure someone knows when you are expected to arrive at your destination.
- Take extra care when crossing the road. Vehicles can take up to ten times longer to stop on slippery road surfaces. If possible, stick to pedestrian crossings. If there are no crossings nearby, find a place with a clear view and wait for long gaps in the traffic.
- Be careful when stepping out between parked vehicles and never cross behind a bus. If a clear place can't be found and you cross between parked vehicles, make sure there are no drivers in them in case they suddenly pull out or reverse.
- If there is no pavement, walk in single file and keep to the right-hand side of the road so you can see oncoming traffic.

Advice for cyclists

- Ensure that you and your bike are visible to other road users by using a good set of front and rear lights (white at the front, red at the back). Wear clothes that help you be seen on your bike, such as bright and light reflective items.
- Obey road signs and markings, particularly red lights. Do not cycle on the pavements, which may be slippery and can also endanger pedestrians.
- Be mindful of the effects poor weather can have on other road users and be alert to possible dangers around you. Cars can take twice as long to stop in wet weather, and braking can be unpredictable in ice and snow.

Advice for drivers

- Ensure your car is winter ready - are your tyres, brakes, windscreens, wiper blades and windows free from defects and clean?
- Drive to the road conditions. Be aware road conditions can change without warning and remember stopping distances will be affected by the weather.
- Make sure your windows are clean, properly demisted and clear of snow and ice before you drive.
- When the roads are icy, drive at a slow speed in as high a gear as possible and accelerate and brake very gently.
- Driving can be challenging in winter conditions. Driving distracted (by using mobile phones or devices) can cause additional stress and endangers yourself, passengers and other road users.

Commander's Bulletin

PERTH & KINROSS 2026

Local News and Updates

A 40-year-old man was arrested for drink driving and failing to stop at the scene of an accident in Dunkeld Road, Perth on Sunday 1st November.

The male mounted the pavement, colliding with a traffic light, which he then dragged behind his vehicle prior to being stopped by officers. He was found to be over 3 times the drink driving limit.

Officers are carrying out enquiries in to a number of housebreaking offences in the Cleish area over night on Wednesday 4th November.

A 34-year-old man was arrested for assault and racially aggravated conduct following a disturbance in Rorrie Terrace, Methven on Wednesday 4th November.

In the early hours of Wednesday 4th November, a grey Mazda CX-30 was stolen from Braeside Road, Ballinluig. Entry was gained to three other vehicles in the same area.

The Mazda was recovered on the A9 at the Ballinluig slip road. Enquiries are ongoing.

A 17-year-old man was arrested for possession of an offensive weapon and causing damage to a Tesla in Dunkeld Road, Perth on Friday 30th October.

About midnight, Wednesday 4th November, a rock was thrown through the window of a property in Forest Way, Blairgowrie.

Three youths aged 13, 14 and 15 were found to be responsible for a culpable and reckless conduct at the Royal Hotel, Allan Street, Blairgowrie on Friday 30th October.

The youths gained entry to the empty premises before throwing a metal bar from an upper window to the road below. Thankfully, no members of the public were hurt as a result of their actions.

Overnight on Friday 6th November, an attempt was made to gain entry to a property in Murray Place, Perth by prying open an exterior door.

An 18-year-old man was arrested for theft by housebreaking from the Co-op, Darnhall Drive, Glengarry Stores, Tesco, Edinburgh Road and South Inch Filling Station, Perth between Sunday 1st and Tuesday 3rd November.

Between 2am and 10:20am, Tuesday 10th November, a black Kymco Agility 125 Scooter was stolen from Tweedsmuir Road, Perth.

The scooter was recovered about 4pm in Sandeman Court, Perth. A witness saw two young males, aged 15-20 years old parking the scooter before leaving in the direction of Primrose Place.

A 55 year old man will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for dangerous driving following a one vehicle road traffic collision on the A9 between Broxden and Inveralmond Roundabouts on Thursday 29th October.

Between 2pm, Friday 6th and 1:15pm, Saturday 7th November, a blue VW Golf was damaged whilst parked in Matalan Car Park, Victoria Street, Perth

Links and Further Information:

As we receive reports of crime, the information is shared on

https://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk/

I would encourage you to sign up for notifications.

Guidance on how to protect your property is available via Community Watch as well as on the Police Scotland Website, just click or copy and paste the following link:-

https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/

Keep up to date with everything we are doing and all appeals by visiting the following sites:-

https://twitter.com/policescotland

https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland

http://www.scotland.police.uk

http://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk

Your Community Policing Teams Inspectors:

PERTH CITY CENTRE – PI Steve Gray

PERTHSHIRE NORTH – PI James Longden

Blairgowrie & Glens, Highland, Strathtay, Strathmore, Carse of Gowrie

PERTHSHIRE SOUTH – PI Tony Rogers

Strathearn, Strathallan, Almond & Earn, Kinross-shire

Your Community Policing Teams:

If you wish to make contact with your local community Officer please use the following e-mail address:

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Regards,

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Local Area Commander

Perth and Kinross