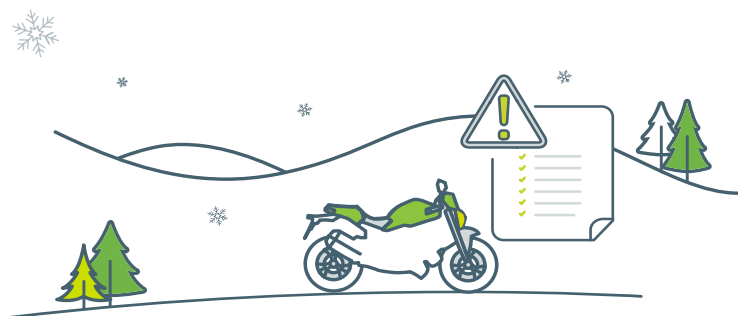


Motorcycle winter safety essentials



Safety tips for winter riding

- Make sure you're kitted out with the most suitable clothing – it needs to be warm, waterproof and breathable. You could also spray your gear with water repellent and wear high visibility clothing.
- Make regular stops, especially on a long ride in the cold – have a hot drink and use hand dryers in public toilets to warm up your hands.
- Stay hydrated and alert – we tend not to drink as much when it's cold and that can lead to fatigue.
- Ride carefully and always keep a safe distance from other vehicles.

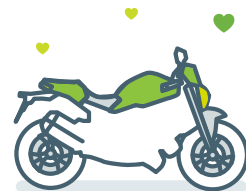


Maintenance checklist

- ✓ Take care of your battery – make sure it's fully charged.
- ✓ Check all fluids regularly – water, coolant, engine oil, brake and hydraulic fluids.
- ✓ Make sure your tyres have plenty of tread; alternatively, switch to winter tyres.
- ✓ Check all brakes and pads and look out for any loose chains – also, keep them oiled.
- ✓ Cover your motorcycle if you can or keep it in a locked garage.

Are you storing your bike away for the winter months?

- Give it a deep clean.
- Store it in a garage or shed, if possible.
- Cover it, especially if you're keeping it outdoors.
- Keep the battery warm and charged; you can either remove it and store it indoors for the winter or use a maintenance charger to keep it topped up.



Remember: shorter days and darker nights can offer more protection to potential thieves – so, whether you're storing it or riding it out through the winter months, make sure you keep your motorcycle safe and secure.