

Information on road conditions and the current road situation

Winter Services

The information service provided by telephone number 1777 is available from 06:30 to 22:00 every day from October 15th to April 30th and in summer from 08:00 to 16:00 on weekdays. News regarding current road conditions may also be obtained by dialing 1778 an automatic telephone service.

Delays caused by weather

In bad weather, snow removal is often delayed until the weather improves.

Before setting out on a trip ...

... seek information about the weather and road conditions on the planned route. This is especially important on mountain roads and in case of longer trips. If the outlook is uncertain, it is advisable to check from time to time during the trip whether there have been any recent changes in the weather or road conditions. The information services can be reached by calling 1777.

Providing information to IRCA

Although IRCA strives at all times to provide road users with the best information available, cost prevents us from keeping a continuous watch on all roads. It is therefore much appreciated if road users inform IRCA in case of road damage or if road conditions are different from those set out in the information provided.

Proximity to snow-removal vehicles

When road users find themselves near vehicles engaged in snow removal, the following must be kept in mind:

- Always give snow removal vehicles plenty of space, because snow can limit the driver's field of vision.
- Always keep a good distance, at least 20 m, from vehicles engaged in snow removal and only pass them if snow being blown from the vehicles does not obstruct the visibility and when you are absolutely certain that the driver has seen you.
- When meeting a vehicle removing snow from such a location, the road user should stop the car at a good distance until the vehicle has ceased operations and the road is clear.

Attention

The winter in Iceland is an exciting time of the year for travelling around the country. Please be advised that there might be strong winds (up to hurricane level) and blizzards occurring from time to time in Iceland throughout the winter. This may involve demanding driving conditions temporarily on main roads and even cause mountain passes to become impassable.

Equipment for winter trips

Cars must be fitted with good winter tires. Take along appropriate protective clothing in case you have to wait in the car due to weather or road conditions.

Emergencies

IRCA does not provide assistance to road users when snow removal has ceased for the day or on the days for which no snow removal is scheduled. In an emergency the rescue squads must be summoned. For assistance please call 112, the National Emergency Number.

- We encourage travelers to register travel plan on www.safetravel.is or to leave a route plan with someone in order to help with an eventual search or to provide assistance, if travellers do not show up at their destination at the planned time.
- Do not leave your car except in very good weather and when you know precisely how far it is to the next populated place or rescue hut. If a car is kept running while waiting for assistance, take care that exhaust fumes do not enter the passenger compartment.
- Please notify if the car must be abandoned on a mountain road or a rarely travelled road, it must be notified to the police and/or IRCA as soon as possible.

Under difficult snow condition or if the weather outlook is bad, the service level may be reduced or snow removal directed at roads with less snow instead of those shown on the map, even if this means lengthening the route.

Snow is cleared from roads leading to airports in connection with scheduled flights.

IRCA is authorised to reduce the number of snow removal days or discontinue snow removal for shorter or longer periods of time if the costs involved become prohibitive. Such decreased services will be advertised thoroughly wherever information on road conditions is provided.

