

First Frost Forecast for This Week

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With frost expected, traffic police advised drivers not to exceed the speed limit, avoid rough maneuvers, keep a safe distance between vehicles on the road and use headlights. **Vladimir Filonov**

With weather forecasters promising a rapid dip in Moscow's temperature, traffic police urged drivers Monday not to delay installing winter tires on their cars ahead of an expected first frost.

"With the arrival of fall, weather conditions have definitely become worse, which demands drivers be extra careful on the roads," traffic police said in a statement carried by Interfax. "The number of traffic accidents, mainly fender benders, increases in October."

Most of the accidents at this time of year are the result of drivers failing to concentrate on the road and a neglect of traffic rules, it said, adding that frost would complicate matters.

"Weather forecasters predict the first frost in the coming days, which may result in the formation of ice on some roads. Drivers should be ready for it," the statement said.

Traffic police advised drivers not to exceed the speed limit, avoid rough maneuvers, keep a safe distance between vehicles on the road and use headlights. They also suggested drivers not wait to install winter tires on their cars.

The Moscow weather service said Monday that it expects a spell of abnormally warm weather to be replaced by colder days, Interfax reported. It said a daytime temperature of 8 to 10 degrees Celsius on Monday would sink to a low of zero Monday night and minus 1 to 3 C by Wednesday. Daytime temperatures in the following days are expected to rise to 3 to 4 C with no precipitation.

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