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MSA issues advice for Easter driving

The Motor Schools Association has issued its annual advice ahead of Easter, at what is likely to be a busy time on the roads.

Whilst all Bank Holidays attract extra traffic, this Easter the volume is likely to be particularly high for a number of reasons.

Issuing the annual advice, John Lepine, the MSA's General Manager said: "There are several contributory factors which are likely to cause the roads to be busy this year. Firstly, Easter is traditionally popular being the first break after Christmas coupled with the fact that it enjoys a full four days. This year may see it being especially busy as it falls quite early, added to which it coincides with the clocks going forwards. Following on from a pretty cold winter, people will particularly want to get away in the hope of spring approaching."

The MSA stresses that it is particularly important for drivers to be prepared when they take to the roads this Easter. Ensure that tyres are correctly inflated as additional load on the vehicle, added to long journeys on motorways, will require extra pressure. Make sure that oil, water and windscreen wash is topped up to the correct levels and that you take regular breaks during the journey. Above all, allow more time than you need to, so as to avoid stress and, because Easter falls early this year, check the weather forecast as we have not entirely left winter behind us!

John Lepine continues: "It is essential that drivers remember to prepare for their journey and take adequate breaks. Driving long journeys with passengers and extra traffic on the road is very stressful. Remember three words: Planning Prevents Problems!"

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Editors note:

The MSA was founded in 1935 as a representative body for driving instructors and driving school owners and has around 5,000 members.

The MSA has consultative status with the Driving Standards Agency (an executive agency of the Department for Transport)

MSA lobbies on behalf of its members and campaigns for better road safety.

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