

Is your car safe to drive?

If your car suffers damage following an accident, it can make it un-roadworthy. This could mean the car is unsafe to drive and would put you and your passengers at risk if you continue to drive it.

If your car has any of the damage shown below, we would suggest getting it inspected at one of our recommended repairers as soon as you can.

Your car is not safe to drive if it has any of the following damage:	
Area of the car	Type of damage
Bumpers	Loose, insecure or hanging off
Bonnet	Won't open/close or is jammed open/closed
Boot lid	Won't open/close or is jammed open/closed Won't lock properly
Headlights and rear light clusters	Cracked or broken Not working Loose or hanging out
Airbags	Deployed or damaged in any way
Wheels and tyres	Bent, cracked or buckled Impact damage
Doors	Won't open/close or are jammed open/closed Won't lock properly Letting water in
Seatbelts	Any damage
Offside wing mirror (Driver side)	Glass is cracked, broken or smashed Wing mirror is loose, insecure or hanging off
Nearside wing mirror (Passenger side)	Wing mirror is loose, insecure or hanging off
Exhaust	Loose, insecure or hanging off
General bodywork	Loose, hanging off or panels missing
Number plates	Cracked, broken or unreadable

If your car has any of the damage shown below, it is still ok to drive.

Your car is safe to drive if it has any of the following damage:	
Area of the car	Type of damage
Bumpers	Dented, scraped, scratched or cracked
Bonnet	Dented, scraped or scratched
Boot lid	Dented, scraped or scratched
Headlights and rear light clusters	Scraped, scratched or scuffed
Wheels and tyres	Dented, scraped, scratched or scuffed
Doors	Dented, scraped, scratched or scuffed
Offside wing mirror (Driver's)	Casing is scraped, scratched, scuffed or cracked
Nearside wing mirror (Passenger's)	Casing is scraped, scratched, scuffed or cracked Glass is cracked, broken or smashed (but only if the offside wing mirror is undamaged)
General bodywork	Dented, scraped, scratched, scuffed or cracked
Plastic trims	Dented, scraped, scratched, scuffed or missing
Roof	Dented, scraped or scratched
Number plates	If the number plate has fallen off but is still intact, it must be displayed in the front/rear windscreen