



Speed Checks North Cotswolds

We have been out checking speeds on A44, A429 (60 mph) and some of the minor roads with 30 mph limits. We are please to say all vehicles seen today have been driving within the speed limits and to the wet weather conditions. However we have stopped some driver who have had their fog lights on when not needed.



The Highway Code outlines when you should use fog lights:

Rule 226 states: "You MUST use headlights when visibility is seriously reduced, generally when you cannot see for more than 100 metres (328 feet). You may also use front or rear fog lights but you MUST switch them off when visibility improves."

When the fog clears you must switch them off to avoid dazzling other drivers. The Highway Code also outlines when they shouldn't be used.

Rule 236 says: "You MUST NOT use front or rear fog lights unless visibility is seriously reduced (see Rule 226) as they dazzle other road users and can obscure your brake lights. You MUST switch them off when visibility improves."

Not only is an improper use of them dangerous but it could also land you a Fixed Penalty Notice, which is a £50 fine but no penalty points.

One of the other reasons they must be switched off it because they are brighter than brake lights typically.

This could lead to other motorists not knowing that you are braking which could lead to an accident.

If the symbols pictured are displayed on your dashboard then these are the indication your fog lights are on. Daylight running lights are allowed as they can not be turned off and are not as bright as fog lights.

Now is a good time to check all your bulbs to make sure they work.

Many thanks
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