



# Media Release

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## **Winter car safety: bald tyres**

Many Australian drivers are running the risk of having a car accident by purchasing cheaper budget tyres, according to the Australian Consumer Association (ACA).

In its recent regular tyre review, the ACA identified that Australians are trying to save money by using cheaper tyres which are potentially dangerous, particularly when drivers need to brake quickly on wet roads.

“Winter weather poses a real risk to motorists with sub-standard tyres,” RAC Motoring General Manager Mark Weller said.

“The lack of traction on a poor quality tyre, paired with the slipperiness of a wet road, means the driver may not be able to avoid an accident with a vehicle or pedestrian in front.

“It’s really not worth the risk, particularly for motorists who have their children and families in the car with them.

“So we urge Western Australians to choose good quality tyres.

“It may cost you a bit more initially, but it greatly reduces the odds of you having an accident which could have been avoidable had you spent a bit more on a better quality tyre.”

RAC’s recently launched tyres service has an extensive range of high quality branded tyres, including GT Radial Tyres, which have been recommend by Choice for the past two years.

“This is an example of good quality tyre brand,” Mr Weller said.

“Our advice to motorists is to do your research when replacing tyres, and find the best quality in your price range.

“If you don’t have the time to dedicate to tyre research however, RAC has tyre experts who can recommend the best quality tyre for you, or can go [rac.com.au/tyres](http://rac.com.au/tyres) and look online.”

RAC also provides its members and the WA public with tips on how to prepare your vehicle for the winter months and storm season, viewable at [rac.com.au/storm](http://rac.com.au/storm)

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