

Car Safety

Plan long trips carefully, listening to the radio or television for the latest weather forecasts and road conditions. If bad weather is forecast, drive only if absolutely necessary.



Emergency Kit for the Car

In case you are stranded, keep an emergency supply kit in your car with the addition of these automobile extras:

- Jumper cables
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Ice scraper
- Car cell phone charger
- Cat litter or sand for better tire traction

Prepare Your Vehicle for Emergencies

Have a mechanic check the following on your vehicle prior to an emergency:

- Antifreeze levels
- Battery and ignition system
- Brakes
- Exhaust system
- Fuel and air filters
- Heater and defroster
- Lights and flashing hazard lights
- Oil
- Thermostat
- Windshield wiper equipment and washer fluid level

Vehicle Safety Tips

- **Keep your gas tank full** in case of evacuation or power outages. A full tank will also keep the fuel line from freezing

- **Install good winter tires** and ensure they have adequate tread or any jurisdiction-required chains or studs
- **Do not drive through flooded areas.** Six inches of water can cause a vehicle to lose control or possibly stall. A foot of water will float many cars.
- **Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded.** Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
- **If a power line falls** on your car you are at risk of electrical shock, stay inside until a trained person removes the wire.
- **If there is an explosion** or other factor that makes it difficult to control the vehicle, pull over, stop the car and set the parking brake.
- **If the emergency could impact the physical stability of the roadway** avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards