

WINTER DRIVING

Be Prepared for Winter Driving Emergencies!!

Every driver should keep in mind a number of safety tips before taking the car out on the road at this time of year.

You should be sure to let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive – always safe!!!

If you do happen to break down or hit the ditch, stay with your car. Don't try to walk to safety!

Keep one window away from the wind open slightly to let in air and make sure the tailpipe isn't blocked by snow in order to avoid deadly carbon monoxide fumes. Run the motor as little as possible. Move your arms and legs frequently to keep blood circulating and to stay warm.

Before setting out on your journey, make sure your car is fit for travel. Get a complete checkup.

Keep An Emergency Survival Kit In Your Vehicle At All Times that Includes The Following Items:

- shovel
- traction mats
- compass
- warning light or road flares
- emergency food pack
- booster cables
- road maps
- matches and a 'survival' candle in a deep can (to warm hands, heat a drink or use as an emergency light)
- sand, salt, or kitty litter
- tow chain
- cloth or roll of paper towels
- extra clothing and footwear
- axe or hatchet
- ice scraper and brush
- fire extinguisher
- methyl hydrate (for fuel line and windshield deicing)
- you should keep a small kit of the following items under your vehicle seat or in the passenger compartment of your car: flashlight, first-aid kit, and a blanket.