

# WINTER DRIVING TIPS - EMERGENCY KITS

## - WHAT'S IN YOURS?

IF YOU MUST TRAVEL THIS WINTER, MAKE SURE YOU ARE PREPARED BEFORE YOU LEAVE.

SHARE YOUR TRAVEL PLANS AND ROUTE WITH SOMEONE AND ENSURE YOU HAVE:

- FULL TANK OF GAS
- WARM CLOTHING AND BOOTS
- CELL PHONE WITH CHARGER
- WINTER TIRES AND CHAINS (IF REQUIRED)
- WINTER DRIVING EMERGENCY KIT



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**SLIPPERY, SNOW-COVERED ROADS, REDUCED VISIBILITY, BITTER COLD AND THE INCREASED POSSIBILITY OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, ROAD CLOSURES, ETC., ARE ALL CONDITIONS THAT INCREASE YOUR RISK OF GETTING STUCK IN YOUR CAR, SO PREPARE AN EMERGENCY KIT FOR YOUR VEHICLE. PUT TOGETHER A WINTER KIT WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO KEEP INSIDE YOUR VEHICLE:**

- 1. FLASHLIGHT WITH EXTRA BATTERIES OR A HAND CRANK FLASHLIGHT**
- 2. BLANKETS, MITTENS, EXTRA SOCKS AND WARM HAT**
- 3. EXTRA WARM/DRY CLOTHING AND BOOTS**
- 4. NONPERISHABLE FOOD/SNACKS LIKE ENERGY BARS**
- 5. WATER -PLASTIC BOTTLES THAT WON'T BREAK IF THE WATER FREEZES (REPLACE THEM EVERY SIX MONTHS)**
- 6. WHISTLE—IN CASE YOU NEED TO ATTRACT ATTENTION**
- 7. PERSONAL FIRST AID KIT**
- 8. COLLAPSIBLE OR FOLDING SNOW SHOVEL, ICE SCRAPER AND SNOW BRUSH**
- 9. JUMPER CABLES OR PORTABLE JUMP STARTER**
- 10. ROAD FLARES, FLASHING LIGHTS OR REFLECTIVE WARNING TRIANGLES**
- 11. TIRE CHAINS, TOW STRAP, BAG OF SAND OR NON-CLUMPING KITTY LITTER, OR TRACTION PADS**
- 12. SMALL CONTAINER OF LOCK DEICER – KEEP THIS IN YOUR POCKET IF YOU EXIT THE VEHICLE**
- 13. COPY OF YOUR SHARED TRAVEL PLAN, TRAVEL ITINERARY, CONTACT NUMBERS AND CHECK IN PROCEDURE**

**IF YOU BECOME STRANDED STAY IN YOUR CAR UNTIL HELP ARRIVES. LIGHT FLARES IN FRONT AND BEHIND THE CAR AND MAKE SURE THE EXHAUST PIPE IS NOT BLOCKED BY SNOW, MUD OR ANY OBJECT.**

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