

Fast Facts

Car Safety Tips

<i>General</i>		<i>Cold Weather</i>	<i>Hot Weather</i>
<i>Pre-Drive</i>	<i>During Drive</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Car is in good working order -Regular maintenance done on schedule -Be aware of your car and the surroundings -Pay attention and don't be distracted -Look underneath and in the back seat prior to getting in (esp. at night) -If you have flat tire, go back to where you can from and call for assistance -If you a van is parked next to the driver side of your car, get in on the passenger side -Park in well-lit, non-secluded, high traffic areas -Have a security escort you to your car -Make a driving plan with a realistic time frame for traffic, stops for bathroom and food -Make sure that all cargo is secure prior to leaving -Ensure that all children and pets are properly restrained -Adjust the seat, mirror, climate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Focus on driving (no multitasking by doing things on your phones or other devices--use hands-free device if you must make a phone call) -Drive defensively (anticipate that basically anything could happen due to other drivers by paying attention, not driving fast and keeping at least two second travel distance between you and the car in front of you. Increase to four seconds if the weather is bad or you are on the highway) -If you are holding something and drop it on the floor, don't try to pick up while moving -Don't eat or drink while driving -Use caution when changing lanes (pavement can be uneven) -Use turn signals and avoid cutting people off -Keep an eye out for animals, especially when driving through 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Make sure heater/defrosters work well before winter starts -Use the appropriate cold weather windshield washer fluid and making sure the tank is full -To clear ice and snow off of your windows, turn on your defrosters first, then use a plastic ice scraper to remove the ice and snow (only use your windshield wipers once the stuck-on snow and ice have been cleared) -Ice on the road: remember not to fight the skid. Take your foot off the gas, do NOT apply the brake and steer in the direction that you want to go -Stranded: have an emergency cold weather supply kit in the trunk (should be prepared before winter starts). If you are stranded, put all of your supplies in the car with you, so you don't have to get out of the car every time you need something. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Put something (wallet, purse, phone) that you are going to need when you get out of the car in the backseat or put something (toy, stuffed animal, leash) of the of theirs in the front seat with you as a reminder -Open the back door every time you park the car to ensure that all passengers are out. By doing it all of the time, you won't forget when you have a child or pet in the back -Keep the air conditioning running by using stores that have a drive-thru service or have another adult stay in the car with children and pets -Always keep car keys out of reach of small children and keep car doors locked in order to prevent them from getting into the car without you -Never leave them in the car unattended!

<p>control, radio and anything else prior to putting the car in gear</p> <p>-Have any items that you are going to need, such as toll fees, toll cards, garage pass, easily accessible and within reach</p>	<p>wooded areas and it is nighttime</p> <p>-If you are tired or taking medication that can make you drowsy, then don't drive</p>	<p>-Run the car for 10 minutes every hour to warm up (just remember to open window slightly and that exhaust pipe is clear of snow in order to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning)</p>	
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