

Ohio Public Safety

Fact Sheet



Emergency

Any driver will tell you unexpected emergencies will happen. To stay safe, read the following emergency tips carefully before you get behind the wheel.

Safety Tips:

- ⚡⚡ Keep your car in good working order with sufficient gasoline.
- ⚡⚡ Always lock your car doors, both while driving and when leaving your vehicle.
- ⚡⚡ Don't pick up hitchhikers.
- ⚡⚡ If someone threatens you while you are in your car, lock all the doors and blow the horn in short bursts to attract attention.
- ⚡⚡ If you are followed by another car, put your hand on the horn all the way to the nearest gas station, police station, fire station or lighted home. Use any method necessary to draw attention to your car.
- ⚡⚡ Park in well-lighted areas, and observe your surroundings as you leave your car at night.
- ⚡⚡ When returning to your car, always have your keys in hand so you won't have to fumble in your pockets or purse for them.
- ⚡⚡ Always check the back seat before you enter the car.

What to do if your car breaks down:

At the first sign of trouble take your foot off the accelerator and brake softly. Check your vehicle owner's manual for specific information.

Use distress signals such as putting your car hood up and placing a white flag on the aerial, or turning on your emergency flashers. Remain in your car with the doors locked. Wait for the police.

Do not roll down your window for strangers. Hold up a piece of paper asking for them to call for help or tell them that help is on the way by rolling down the window slightly. Give them the Patrol number (1-877-7-PATROL).

Create an emergency kit for your car by filling a bag with the following items:

- ⚡⚡ Bottle of fix a flat
- ⚡⚡ Can of WD40
- ⚡⚡ Jumper cables
- ⚡⚡ Emergency road flares
- ⚡⚡ Bottled water
- ⚡⚡ Basic first aid kit
- ⚡⚡ Small bag of cat litter or rock salt
- ⚡⚡ Cellular phone
- ⚡⚡ A warm blanket
- ⚡⚡ Flashlight and extra batteries



In addition to carrying an emergency kit, it is important to check your tires, including the spare tire, for the proper air pressure regularly. Also, learn to change a tire.