



Short Safety Subject

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Prepare For Summertime Travel Emergencies



Every summer, travelers take to the roads for vacations across the country. Unfortunately, many will experience breakdowns during their trips.

Vacation preparations should start with an automotive checkup. Before you leave be sure you have a functional spare tire and the tools to change it.

If you have an emergency, carefully work your way to the side of the road at the first sign of trouble. If you are on an interstate, try to reach an exit. If you must change a flat tire, make sure it can be done without being too close to traffic.

Place flares, warning flags or reflectorized triangles behind your vehicle to warn other motorists of your presence. Turn on your emergency flashers and, if it is dark, the interior dome light.

If you need help, call from a cell phone. Keep emergency numbers inside your cellular phone case, in a phone directory or in the glove box.

Do not try to walk for help, and do not flag down other motorists. If you do not have a phone, wait inside your locked car for a police officer. If someone stops and offers help, ask them to call the highway patrol or local police.

Keep a first aid kit, flashlights, water and nonperishable food in your car.