Winter road safety: Build an emergency car kit

Don’t venture out into winter weather without these 16 essential emergency supplies, from hand warmers to road flares.

- Water in small bottles that can thaw quickly
- Spare cell phone charger
- Jumper cables or portable battery charger
- Energy-boosting snacks
- Tire pressure gauge and tire sealant
- Road flares or reflective hazard triangles
- Battery-powered weather radio
- Jacket, winter hat, and gloves
- Hand warmers
- Wool blanket or sleeping bag
- Tire jack and lug wrench
- Pocket knife or multi-tool
- Snow shovel and ice scraper
- Head lamp or hard-crack flashlight
- Tow strap
- First aid kit

Stay on top of tire maintenance

Properly inflated tires are crucial for a good grip on the road in winter weather. Double-check the pressure before winter storms, and keep tire chains handy if you live in an area that gets significant snowfall.

Put your floor mats to work

If you do get stuck in ice or snow, place the mats behind your tires to help get traction.

Stay fueled up

Keep your gas tank no less than half-full throughout the winter season to ensure that you’ll always be warm if you become stranded in extreme conditions.

Guard against deadly carbon monoxide gas

Crack a window to ensure oxygen flow if you do have to run your car to keep warm, and remove any snow that may be blocking the tailpipe.

When hitting the road this winter, make sure your emergency car kit is stocked so you get to your destination safely. From jumper cables to road flares, NAPA has you covered. Stop by your local NAPA Auto Parts store or reserve online at www.NAPAnline.com.