



## Emergency Vehicle Safety

A roadside emergency can happen at any time, whether your car is new or old. A range of problems can cause it, from a tire failure or mechanical breakdown to running out of fuel. At best, it's an annoyance; at worst, it can compromise your safety. Being prepared with a basic emergency kit can increase your safety, reduce stress, and help you get back on the road faster.

Preplanning and knowing where and how to use the items in your vehicle and kit is the key to making an unexpected delay/emergency go smoothly.

## Long Distant Driving Emergency Kit

### Basic tools

Include a set of socket and open-end wrenches, a multi-tip screwdriver, and pliers. This should be enough to perform simple jobs such as changing a light bulb, tightening battery cables, and so on. Even if you don't know what to do, a *Good Samaritan* will still need something to work with.

### Coolant hose repair kit and tape

A leaking coolant hose can sideline your vehicle quickly and possibly cause engine damage from overheating. Often, a leaking hose is a simple fix if you have the right items. They can be bought at any major auto-parts store.

### Extra clothes and small tarpaulin

Even if all you do is change a tire, these items can help keep your regular clothes clean.

### Water and nonperishable emergency food

Bring enough food and water to sustain you and any passengers for at least a meal, longer for remote areas or in extreme hot/cold regions.

### CB radio

If your route will take you into an area where cellular service is spotty, consider a portable or in-car CB radio.

### GPS navigation system

This is an optional item, but good to have when traveling to new places.