

Summer Travel Tips

Planning a summer vacation? Providing your vehicle is well maintained, getting it ready for a road trip is relatively quick and easy. Use this vehicle safety checklist as a guide. Also, keep the emergency numbers given on the back of this sheet. You never know when you might need a hand!



Vehicle Safety Checklist

- Tire Tread:** Check air pressure and tread wear on all tires, including the spare. Insert a Lincoln penny into the tread of each tire. If you can see the entire top of his head, your tread is less than one-sixteenth of an inch deep and should be replaced.
- Tire Pressure:** Make sure each tire is filled to the suggested PSI (pounds per square inch) of air, which is listed in your owner's manual and on a label inside the driver's door. Check when tires are "cold"-meaning they haven't been driven on for at least three hours.
- Belts and Hoses:** Look under the hood and inspect all belts and hoses. Make sure there are no signs of blisters, cracks, or cuts in the rubber. High summer temperatures accelerate the rate at which rubber belts and hoses degrade.
- Wiper Blades:** Check for wear-and-tear on both sides. After winter storms and spring rains, it's likely your windshield wiper blades are ragged from use and need to be replaced. Like belts and hoses, wiper blades are susceptible to heat.
- Cooling System:** Check coolant level and get needed servicing. You want your cooling system functioning properly to avoid the possibility of your engine overheating.
- Air Conditioning:** Make sure the air is cool. This is especially important if you are traveling with people who are in poor health or sensitive to heat, such as children and seniors.
- Fluid Levels:** Check oil, brake, transmission, power steering, and windshield fluid. Make sure each reservoir is full and there is no sign of leakage.
- Seatbelts:** Make sure they are working properly. It's the law! Check for frayed webbing, which can weaken the fabric. Make sure all belts retract properly and inspect the metal hardware for cracks or damaged areas.
- Lights:** Check headlights, brake lights, turn signals, emergency flashers, interior lights, and trailer lights.
- Emergency Roadside Kit:** Use the suggestions below to create your own.
 - Cell phone
 - First aid kit
 - Flashlight
 - Maps
 - Jumper cables
 - Flares or white flag
 - Car jack and ground mat for changing a tire
 - Work gloves and a change of clothes
 - Basic repair tools and some duct tape
 - Extra windshield washer fluid
 - Water and paper towels for cleaning up
 - Nonperishable food, drinking water, and medicines



Remember to never leave children unattended in parked vehicles—especially during warm weather.

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If You Are Involved In An Incident

Kentucky has a Quick Clearance Law (KRS 189.580) meaning:

If you are involved in a crash:

- If no one is visibly injured, move your vehicle to the shoulder or off the interstate or parkway
- Call police
- Exchange information

If you have a disabled vehicle:

- Move vehicle off the roadway if possible and stay in the vehicle
- Turn on emergency flashers
- Tie something white or bright to your antenna or window, or raise hood, to request aid
- If unable to move the vehicle from the roadway, stand away from the vehicle.

Need Help? The SAFE Patrol Is On It's Way!

The SAFE (Safety Assistance for Freeway Emergencies) Patrol is currently operated Monday through Friday between the hours of 5 am to 9 pm. on of I-64 (milepoints 0-42 and 80-91), I-65 (milepoints 17-59) and I-75 (milepoints 0-62).

To aid motorists, van drivers may provide gasoline and oil, add air to tires or change flat tires, provide a "jump" for dead batteries, and if necessary push vehicles off the roadway. Drivers also work to prevent traffic crashes by removing debris from the roadway and tagging abandoned cars. At the scene of a crash, drivers are trained in traffic flagging to assist in traffic management.

The goal of the program is to continually increase the number of interstate segments served and increase the program to a 24/7 service.

To request SAFE Patrol or report roadside emergencies, call 1-800-728-2448.
For police assistance call 1-800-222-5555.

Where Can I Find More Traffic & Travel Information?

Call 511 if in Kentucky or 1-866-737-3767 if calling from out-of-state.
Information can also be found at <http://511.ky.gov>.



For more information:

AAA Exchange: <http://www.aaapublicaffairs.com>

AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety: <http://www.aaafoundation.org>

American College of Emergency Physicians: <http://www.acep.org> (PatientsConsumers/HealthSubjectsByTopic)

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

National Safety Council: <http://www.nsc.org/issues/drivsafe.htm>

Rubber Manufacturer's Association: <http://www.rma.org>