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DURING INSTANCES OF WINTER WEATHER, THE BEST ADVICE IS TO AVOID UNNECESSARY TRAVEL WHEN POSSIBLE. SNOW, SLEET AND ICE CAUSE REDUCED PAVEMENT FRICTION AND VEHICLE MANEUVERABILITY, INCREASING THE POSSIBILITY OF CAR CRASHES AND BECOMING STRANDED. IF YOU DO HAVE TO VENTURE OUT THIS WINTER IN YOUR AREA OR OTHERWISE, HERE ARE A FEW SEASONAL TIPS AND REMINDERS:



TAKE THE TIME TO PUT TOGETHER A KIT OF WEATHER-RELATED ESSENTIALS BEFOREHAND. ITEMS SUCH AS A CELL PHONE, A PHONE CHARGER, BLANKETS, A FIRST-AID KIT, JUMPER CABLES, TOOL KIT, WINDSHIELD SCRAPER, ROAD MAPS, BAG OF SAND OR CAT LITTER CTO POUR ON ICE OR SNOW FOR ADDED TRACTION), A COLLAPSIBLE SHOVEL. FLASHLIGHT AND EXTRA BATTERIES.



- TIE A BRIGHTLY COLORED CLOTH TO THE ANTENNA AS A SIGNAL TO RESCUERS.
- MOVE ANYTHING YOU NEED FROM THE TRUNK INTO THE PASSENGER AREA.
- WRAP YOURSELF HEAD TO TOE IN BLANKETS. OR EXTRA CLOTHES AND STAY INSIDE.
- STAY AWAKE AND MOVE YOUR ARMS AND LEGS TO IMPROVE YOUR CIRCULATION.
- RUN THE MOTOR (AND HEATER) FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES PER HOUR, OPENING ONE WINDOW SLIGHTLY TO LET AIR IN. MAKE SURE THAT SNOW IS NOT BLOCKING THE EXHAUST PIPE AS THIS WILL REDUCE THE RISK OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING.