



# Idaho Department of Lands

## Safety Bulletin

### Vehicle Emergency Kit Checklist

Winter driving in Idaho and surrounding states always carries the possibility of getting stuck, having to wait for accidents to be cleared or mountain passes being closed for avalanche work and snow plowing. We never know when something like this may catch us unexpectedly.

#### **Prepare your vehicle ahead of time and have appropriate travel kit items in the vehicle.**

Items listed should be included in your vehicles' kit based on the type of vehicle, type of travel, and location of travel. Remember that any highway in the west can become an isolated location in the event of severe winter weather. Be prepared for the unexpected.

Items should be kept together in a kit, maintained regularly by the person responsible for the vehicle, and safely secured in the vehicle.

Vehicle Emergency Kit Checklist Recommendations		
Summer	Winter	Item
X	X	Communication...mobile and/or handheld radio/phone, batteries, charging device
X	X	First Aid Kit
X	X	Fire Extinguisher
X	X	Jumper Cables
X	X	Tow Strap
X	X	Flashlight, batteries
X	X	Warning Reflectors/Flares
	X	Shovel
	X	Traction sand helps with weight and better traction. Cat litter helps with traction and is easy to use
	X	Window Scraper
	X	Tire Chains - Depending on vehicle and travel
X	X	Extra fluids: Oil, brake fluid, engine coolant, washer fluid - Depending on vehicle and travel
X	X	High lift jack - Depending on vehicle and travel
	X	Gloves
	X	Extra winter coat
	X	Blanket
	X	Small camp stove/fire starter/candles/heat source
X	X	Water - We can survive less than a week without water. Eating snow can increase the effects of being stranded in cold weather
X	X	Food - Nonperishable, high protein, easy to consume