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## WHY TALK ABOUT ROAD EMERGENCIES?

\_\_\_\_\_ can happen to anyone, anywhere — even if you're not the one driving.

Whether you're a passenger or a future driver, knowing what to do can keep you and others safe.

## WHAT COUNTS AS A ROAD EMERGENCY?

Not all emergencies look dramatic, but they can still be \_\_\_\_\_.

Some examples:

- \_\_\_\_\_ or car breakdown
- \_\_\_\_\_, big or small
- \_\_\_\_\_ or smoke
- A \_\_\_\_\_ in the road

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- \_\_\_\_\_ emergency in the car
- Spotting another \_\_\_\_\_ on the road

## HOW TO GET HELP

In an emergency situation, always \_\_\_\_\_ first.

- \_\_\_\_\_ will ask you questions and get help on the way fast.
- Call a trusted adult \_\_\_\_\_ you've called 911 in an emergency.

Some drivers have \_\_\_\_\_ services through insurance or other providers. Check with your parent, and if you have roadside assistance, keep the \_\_\_\_\_ in your phone and in your car.

- Call roadside assistance for \_\_\_\_\_ and other situations that are not emergencies.

Knowing who to \_\_\_\_\_ (and what to say) when dealing with an emergency can save time and lives.

## BE READY TO SAY:

- \_\_\_\_\_ you are or where you saw the emergency
- What \_\_\_\_\_ or what you saw
- If anyone is \_\_\_\_\_
- If any vehicles are \_\_\_\_\_ traffic

## MAKE WAY FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Seconds count for emergency \_\_\_\_\_ — and your actions help. Arkansas law

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requires motorists to \_\_\_\_\_ for police cars, fire trucks, ambulances and other emergency vehicles using a \_\_\_\_\_ or air horn and a red or blue flashing light.

- Don't hesitate to \_\_\_\_\_ when you hear sirens or see flashing lights in any direction.
- Pull over to the \_\_\_\_\_ edge of the road, or as near to the right as possible.
- If you are in an \_\_\_\_\_, go ahead and drive through it before pulling over.
- Stay stopped until the vehicle \_\_\_\_\_.
- Don't try to \_\_\_\_\_ or follow it!

## WHAT ABOUT STOPPED EMERGENCY VEHICLES?

If you see a \_\_\_\_\_ enforcement vehicle with lights on stopped on the side of the highway, IT'S THE LAW in Arkansas to move over to the \_\_\_\_\_ lane away from them if possible. This law protects police officers and individuals involved in the traffic stop from being \_\_\_\_\_ or killed by traffic moving too close to the edge of the highway.

## SEEING A CRASH OR ROAD HAZARD

If you see a crash or road \_\_\_\_\_ while driving, you can help \_\_\_\_\_ yourself and others by reacting quickly and smartly.

- Slow down and pay \_\_\_\_\_.
- Don't stop or stare — rubbernecking causes more \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ for people in or near the road.
- \_\_\_\_\_ if no one else appears to have done so.

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## DEALING WITH EMERGENCIES AS THEY HAPPEN

Sometimes, you are the one dealing with a road emergency. Here are some examples and what to do if they happen to you. Don't worry, you've got this!

### TIRE BLOWOUTS

Tire \_\_\_\_\_ can be loud and startling.

Do your best to keep calm and follow these steps:

- Hold the steering wheel \_\_\_\_\_ and keep the vehicle going \_\_\_\_\_.
- Slow down \_\_\_\_\_. Take your foot off the gas pedal and use the \_\_\_\_\_ lightly.
- Do not \_\_\_\_\_ on the road if possible. Pull off the road in a safe place.
- \_\_\_\_\_ a trusted adult or roadside assistance for help.

### SKIDS

Skids are caused when tires can no longer \_\_\_\_\_ the road. Most skids happen when drivers are traveling too \_\_\_\_\_ for the conditions, especially when roads are covered in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_. Your brakes will not work until the vehicle slows down. Your vehicle could skid \_\_\_\_\_ if you hit your brakes.
- STEER. Turn the steering wheel in the \_\_\_\_\_ you want the vehicle to go. As soon as the vehicle begins to straighten out, turn the steering wheel

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\_\_\_\_\_. If you don't turn the wheel back the other way, your vehicle may swing around in the other direction and start a \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_ . Continue to \_\_\_\_\_ your steering, left and right, until you regain control of the vehicle.
- \_\_\_\_\_ if you need a moment to calm down after a skid.

## BRAKE FAILURE

If your brakes stop working:

- \_\_\_\_\_ the brake pedal several times. This will often build up enough brake \_\_\_\_\_ to allow you to stop.
- If that does not work, use the \_\_\_\_\_. Pull on the parking brake handle slowly or slowly press the emergency brake pedal so you will not lock the rear wheels and cause a skid. Be ready to \_\_\_\_\_ the brake if the vehicle does start to skid.
- If that does not work, start shifting to \_\_\_\_\_ and look for a safe place to slow to a stop. Make sure the car is off the \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ a trusted adult or roadside assistance for help.

## ENGINE FAILURE

If your engine fails, your car will lose \_\_\_\_\_, but you can still get to safety.

- Keep a strong grip on the \_\_\_\_\_. Be aware that it may be difficult to turn, but you can \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- Pull off the \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ will still work, but you may

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have to push very hard on the brake pedal.

- \_\_\_\_\_ a trusted adult or roadside assistance for help.

## **FIRE OR SMOKE? ACT FAST!**

A car fire can spread \_\_\_\_\_! If you see fire or smoke, take action immediately.

- Pull over and turn off the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Get everyone \_\_\_\_\_ right away.
- Move far away from the vehicle \_\_\_\_\_.
- Call 911 and \_\_\_\_\_ for anything.

## **AVOIDING COLLISIONS**

When it looks as if a \_\_\_\_\_ may happen, many drivers panic and fail to act.

Do your best to stay calm and choose the best option for your situation:

- \_\_\_\_\_: Press the \_\_\_\_\_ pedal as hard as you can and keep pressing it. Grip the \_\_\_\_\_ tightly.
- TURN: Move the \_\_\_\_\_ in either direction to get out of the way of the collision. In general, it is better to run off the road than to hit another vehicle head-on.
- SPEED UP: Sometimes, you can escape a collision by \_\_\_\_\_ ahead.  
Press the accelerator and grip the steering wheel.

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## TRAFFIC CRASHES

No matter how well you drive, there may be a time when you are involved in a crash.

- If you are involved in a crash, YOU MUST \_\_\_\_\_.
- If you are involved in a crash with a parked vehicle, you must try to \_\_\_\_\_  
THE \_\_\_\_\_.

Crashes can be scary, but being \_\_\_\_\_ for what to do helps.

### HERE ARE SOME STEPS TO FOLLOW:

1. Stop your vehicle at or near the \_\_\_\_\_ site. Move it  
\_\_\_\_\_ the road, if possible, so it does not block traffic.
2. Turn off the \_\_\_\_\_ of wrecked vehicles.
3. Call \_\_\_\_\_ for help. Give the dispatcher a precise  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the crash scene and provide any \_\_\_\_\_  
such as gas spills, fire or downed electric lines.
4. If you need to exit the vehicle, do not stand or walk in \_\_\_\_\_.  
You could be struck by another vehicle.
5. If there are electrical \_\_\_\_\_ down, do not go near the wires.
6. Check yourself and others for \_\_\_\_\_. Help anyone who cannot move or  
anyone who is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Check for \_\_\_\_\_, then check for \_\_\_\_\_. If there is  
bleeding, apply direct \_\_\_\_\_ to the wound.

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- Do not give the injured anything to drink, even water, until \_\_\_\_\_ personnel is on the scene.
- To prevent an injured person from going into \_\_\_\_\_, cover the individual with a blanket or warm clothing such as a coat or jacket.
- Do not \_\_\_\_\_ the injured unless they are trapped inside a burning vehicle or in another immediate form of danger.

## KEEP A RECORD OF CRASH INFORMATION

After the crash, there are a few important things to take care of.

- Get the \_\_\_\_\_ and addresses of all the people involved in the accident and any witnesses. Make sure to get the names and addresses of anyone who was \_\_\_\_\_.
- Exchange \_\_\_\_\_ with other drivers involved in the crash — name, address, driver's license number, insurance company and policy number, vehicle information such as license plate, make, model and year.
- Record any \_\_\_\_\_ to the vehicles involved in the crash.  
Take photos if possible.
- Provide \_\_\_\_\_ to the police or other emergency officials if requested.



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## EMERGENCY KITS = ROAD READY

A little \_\_\_\_\_ can make emergencies way less stressful. Put together a basic car  
\_\_\_\_\_ kit and keep it in your vehicle.

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**What is a road emergency situation you feel more confident dealing with now?**

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