




## Road and Weather Information

 Oregon Department of Transportation,  
1-800-977-ODOT (6368)  
or dial 5-1-1 from your cell phone

 ODOT from outside Oregon,  
1-503-588-2941

 **DO NOT** call 911 to inquire about road  
and weather conditions!



*Know **before** you go.*

 Oregon Department of Transportation,  
"Trip Check": [www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com)

 National Weather Service, Portland:  
[www.weather.gov/Portland](http://www.weather.gov/Portland)

 National Weather Service, Medford:  
[www.weather.gov/Medford](http://www.weather.gov/Medford)

Since most of Central Oregon's weather  
comes out of the west or southwest, this is  
probably the best site for pending weather  
conditions



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Deschutes County Sheriff's Office  
Special Services Division  
63333 West Highway 20,  
Bend, OR 97701  
[www.deschutes.org/sheriff](http://www.deschutes.org/sheriff)  
541.388.6655

## Emergency Vehicle Kit\*

*In every vehicle...  
...all the time!*

\* You never know  
when you'll be glad  
you had one!



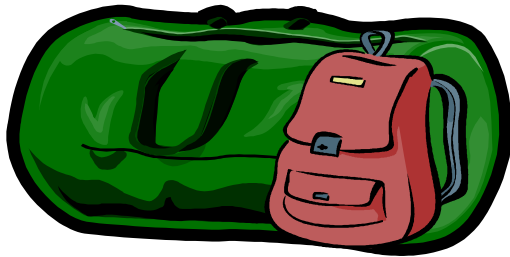
## A gift for you...

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

This is our way of letting you know how much you mean to us. Always travel and arrive at your destination safely.

Keep a vehicle travel emergency kit in each vehicle all the time. Make sure the contents are kept current (check condition and expiration dates) and are replenished if you use them.

We have included some items to get you started, which are checked off on the list. You get to do the rest.



*In addition to your emergency kit, keep a backpack in your vehicle so that you can take a few essentials from your emergency kit with you if you go hiking away from your car. When you return, put the items back in your vehicle emergency kit.*

Safe travels,

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## Kit Contents:

This gift is a start towards your travel safety. You get to complete the kit with things you probably already have around the house and other items that fit your particular needs.

- Maps
- Compass/GPS, and the knowledge in how to use them
- Quality whistle (storm or boat-type)
- Flares
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- Light sticks
- Heavy-duty plastic bags, (bright orange is best, and can be used for rain gear and/or signaling)
- Extra-warm clothing
- Rain gear or ponchos
- Warm hat
- Sturdy shoes or boots and extra socks
- Work gloves
- Blankets and/or “space blankets”
- Hand warmers
- Food and water—high energy, ready-to-eat foods and potable water. A water treatment/purifying device is also wise
- First-aid kit
- Necessary medications
- Candles, waterproof matches
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Cell phone, extra battery and charger
- ABC-type fire extinguisher
- Shovel
- Some assorted tools for basic repairs
- Booster/jumper cables
- Chains or traction mats
- Shop towels

## Before You Travel...

- ✓ Check your vehicle(s) for safety and road-worthiness before every trip. Are all lights working? Brakes and fluids OK? Check and replace windshield wipers. Are tires and tread are in good condition? Are traction tires or devices installed or on-board as needed?
- ✓ Adjust headlights if you significantly change the load distribution in the vehicle. Headlights should provide you with good visibility down the road without blinding oncoming traffic.
- ✓ Evaluate your own road-worthiness before you go. Are you safe to drive defensively? Are you rested? Sober? Alert? Well? Watch for the impairing effects of being tired, ill, upset or distracted and even how you react to over-the-counter medications. Err on the side of caution, particularly with road and weather conditions and other drivers that may challenge your skills.
- ✓ Make sure that each vehicle has an emergency kit on board with supplies that are current, stocked and replenished, .
- ✓ “*Know before you go.*” Check road and weather conditions before you travel and assume that they can change rapidly.
- ✓ Always use safety belts or child safety seats for everyone in the vehicle.
- ✓ Slow down. Simply put, this is some of the very best inclement and heavy traffic driving advice. Maintain extra distance between you and other vehicles. When roads are slippery from rain, leaves, snow or ice, you’ll absolutely need the extra distance to compensate for road conditions.
- ✓ When road and weather conditions are bad, consider postponing your trip. If you must travel, let someone know your travel plans, including your intended route, and your departure and arrival times.