

# 14 things you should keep in your car.



Life is full of unexpected moments. And often times, it's in those moments you wish you would've been a bit more prepared.

When the unexpected happens to you while you're on the road, will you have everything you need? Today, make it your mission to make sure you're prepared. It could make all the difference.

Here are 14 things you should keep in your vehicle in case of an emergency:

1. **Flashlight (with spare batteries)** - Because sometimes life's unexpected moments happen in the dark.
2. **First-aid kit** - Carry different sized bandages, antiseptic wipes, gloves, pain relievers, scissors, cotton balls, gauze and adhesive tape in your car at all times.
3. **Spare tire** - Today, not all cars come with a spare tire, but an inflator kit instead. While an inflator kit will help repair a basic thread puncture, it may not come in handy if there's a full blowout. So be prepared, and make sure you have a spare.
4. **Tools** - If you need to change a tire, you'll need a little bit of assistance.
5. **Car escape hammer** - It's small, but it could save your life. One end can be used to cut your seatbelt, while the other end can be used to break your window.
6. **Emergency warning triangle** - In the event that you need to pull over for an extended period of time, pull off the road as far as possible. Then, place your emergency triangle behind your vehicle so other drivers have an easier time spotting you.
7. **Jumper cables** - Don't let a dead car battery leave you stranded.
8. **Smartphone charger** - If your devices have died and you need to make a call for help, what would you do? A charger that plugs into your car's cigarette lighter or USB port is a simple, affordable solution.
9. **Owner's manual** - That is, if it's not already in your glove box.
10. **Ice scraper** - Keep your windshields and windows clear in the winter.

11. **Foldable shovel** - If your car is ever stuck in the snow, you'll be able to shovel your way out. Or, if you're stuck in a hole, you'd have what you need to fill it.
12. **Blanket** - Whether you need to spend the night inside of your vehicle or wait outside of it for help, a blanket will keep you warm while you do.
13. **Bottled water and granola bars** - On the off chance you're ever stranded, having some sort of food and water is always a good idea.
14. **Roll of quarters** - Tolls and parking meters are common. But so is forgetting the change you need to feed them.

Now that you know what to keep in your car, find out what safety features you should have in it, too. Read our blog: [15 vehicle safety features to consider](#).