

Emergency Protocol for a Broken Down Car

1. Before you leave for a destination, someone should always know you are on your way. This way if you don't show up at a reasonable time, people know something may be wrong and head out looking. Super important!
2. Don't Panic
3. Make sure you are pulled safely off of the main road.
4. Make sure your car is turned off and emergency brake is on.
5. Turn on your emergency flashers.
6. Raise your hood. This will alert police or others that you are having car trouble.
7. Get your emergency triangle out and set out about 20 feet behind car...even if it's the middle of the day. (ONLY if it is safe to do so)
8. Don't Panic
9. GET BACK IN CAR! It is way too dangerous to be out of your vehicle at any time.
10. Lock your doors
11. Make a phone call if you can. Such as friends, relatives or roadside assistance.
12. Get comfortable. Hopefully you have some snacks and water with you.
13. Don't run the radio as it will run down your battery. Also don't run your phone down too far.
14. Check around to see where you are. If you can, use your GPS for a location to tell others. Or just check the cross streets. Try to remember the last town you went through.
15. Call 911 if you need to for emergency assistance.
16. Make sure you always have your insurance card in the car with you
17. Don't Panic ~ Did I already say that?!
18. In this day and age of electronics...help will come soon...even if it doesn't seem like it.
19. Be careful of allowing a stranger to help you. There are amazing good citizens out there, but some may not have good intentions, especially if they see that you are alone and inexperienced with this type of situation. This is where your good judgement comes in. If it doesn't feel right...it's NOT. Tell them thank you through a cracked window and let them know that help is already on the way.

