

CAR TRAVEL STATISTICS AND SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR FAMILY

Make your long drives happy and cheerful with these simple life-saving tips



Traveling with children may take more planning, but it's worth the effort. Showing your kids a bit of the world is a great feeling. Before you hit the open road this summer, check out these statistics and safety tips to ensure a safe, enjoyable journey.

Travel Emergency Preparedness Statistics

Junk Everywhere

6 IN 10

41% of drivers have junk in their trunk.



Parents Carry More Junk In Their Trunk

More than one-third (**35%**) of parents said they currently have junk, such as toys, in their trunk compared to less than 1 in 10 of non-parents.



Checking Emergency Supplies

Nearly 99% of drivers report they have at least one type of emergency supply in the trunk.



3 in 10 drivers say they never check supplies and 4 in 10 drivers check them twice yearly.



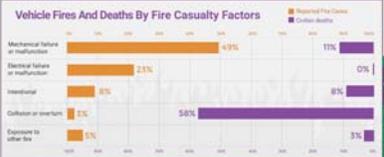
Preparedness By Vehicle Type

Sedan drivers are less likely to carry emergency supplies compared to SUV and truck owners.



CAR FIRE STATS AND TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Overall, highway vehicles fires were involved in 17% of reported U.S. fires, 12% of U.S. fire deaths, 8% of U.S. civilian fire injuries, and 9% of the direct property damage from reported fires.



Collisions and overturns were factors in only 3% of highway vehicle fires, but these incidents accounted for 58% of the associated deaths.

Mechanical, electrical failures or malfunctions were factors in 49% of the highway vehicle fires.

On average, 31 highway vehicle fires were reported per hour. On average, these fires killed one person a day.

CAR SEAT SAFETY

Using the correct car seat or booster seat can be a life saver, make sure your child is always buckled in an age and size appropriate car seat or booster seat.



Do not move to SEAT BELT stage until the child fits the adult seat belt properly, typically when 4' 9" in height.

1 OUT OF 4 Unintentional injury deaths are caused by motor vehicle crashes for children under 13.

MORE CRASH DEATHS Crash deaths occur among children traveling as passenger vehicle occupants and proper restraint can reduce these fatalities.

EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

Before an emergency strikes, make sure you and your family know these details in order to stay safe. Make sure you take all emergency equipment, according to the weather situations.

- First aid kit
- Flash light
- Gloves/boots
- Water
- Chargers
- Tool kit
- Jumper cables
- Tire pressure
- Full tank fuel



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