

# BWI Vehicle Critical Survival Reminders

[For: Cars, Trucks, Offroad Vehicles, Snowmobiles, ATV's, Quads, etc.]

## Vehicle Survival Equipment Considerations

- ❑ Always carry the **15 Critical Items**.
- ❑ Remember it's your vehicle carrying the gear, so error on the side of taking extra gear along ALWAYS.
- ❑ An excellent 1st Aid Kit, Survival Candles (2 or 3), a good shovel, jumper cables, gas line antifreeze (2 or 3 bottles), a roll of duct tape, and properly fitted tire chains should be carried in addition to all standard survival equipment.
- ❑ How many persons travel in your vehicle on average? Remember to add the additional clothing sleeping bags, mattresses, and equipment needed by your passengers.
- ❑ Reflective marker panels, flares, and vehicle repair equipment should be carried.
- ❑ Extra fuel and water are also good additional items on long trips to remote locations.
- ❑ If you have room carry extra fire lighting gear including kindling and wood shavings.

## Vehicle Survival Suggestions

- ❑ Take a defensive driving course.
- ❑ Learn to repair your vehicle.
- ❑ Preventive maintenance for your vehicle is very important, keep your vehicle maintained, including checking your spare tire, battery, jack, survival gear, and tool kit.
- ❑ If conditions are poor don't go, take a break, or travel at or below the safe speed for the condition of the road and your vehicle handling and stopping ability.
- ❑ Tell someone where you are going, know the true range of your vehicle, and do proper route planning.
- ❑ Take along a Cell Phone, a Map, and listen to a complete weather forecast.
- ❑ Take along a phone book with local rescue and recovery numbers. It also makes an excellent addition to your fire in a pinch.
- ❑ When stuck do not leave your vehicle unless you have a spot to light a fire or shelter nearby:
  1. Don't just abandon your vehicle.
  2. Turn it off to save fuel, if you have nay and or it still works.
  3. If you can reach help on your cell phone call.
  4. Use your marker panel or similar device hung from an antenna or roof rack to attract attention.
  5. Roll down a window a few inches on the least windy side of the vehicle.
  6. Get into the extra clothing you have and then your sleeping bag.
  7. Light 1 of your survival candles.
  8. Exit the vehicle on a regular basis to blow your whistle and listen for a response and look around.
  9. Clean your vehicle off on a regular basis to ensure it does not look abandon.
  10. Don't give up hope, someone will come along.