

SUMMER DRIVING TIPS

While summer offers some of the year's best weather, statistics show it's also one of the riskier times to be on the road.

Check your tires on a regular basis

As hot air expands inside of them, warm weather increases the risk for potential blowouts.

Take precautions to prevent overheating

Make sure your coolant system is topped off with antifreeze, check the oil, fan and ensure all hoses are in working condition.

Never leave passengers unattended

When the vehicle is parked, even with windows rolled down or air conditioning on, heatstroke can occur in temperatures as low as 57 degrees. A child's body temperature can also heat up 3-5 times faster than adults.

Watch for others on the road

Warm weather means more people on the road - construction workers, motorcyclists, bicyclists and cars make for increased congestion so drive slowly, be aware and patient.

Carry a safety kit

In case your vehicle overheats or you experience a blowout make sure to carry a kit that includes a first aid kit, bottled water, small snacks, sunscreen, flashlight, jumper cables and a tire pressure gauge.

