

IN ONE INSTANT

EMERGENCY DRIVING CONDITIONS SAFETY GUIDE

MAINTAINING VISIBILITY IN SMOKY CONDITIONS

- Use low-beam headlights and fog lights if available
- Slow down and increase following distance
- Use road markings as a guide when visibility is poor
- Keep windows closed and set air conditioning to recirculate

SAFE EVACUATION PROCEDURES

- Evacuate early when authorities recommend it
- Use wide roads when possible and keep vehicle doors unlocked
- Have a designated meeting point for family members
- Follow official evacuation routes and avoid areas near the fire

EMERGENCY KIT ESSENTIALS FOR VEHICLES

- First aid kit
- Jumper cables and portable jump starter
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Non-perishable food and water
- Blankets and warm clothing
- Basic tool kit and duct tape

UNDERSTANDING AND FOLLOWING OFFICIAL DIRECTIVES

- Stay informed through reliable sources like official emergency channels
- Follow instructions from authorities regarding evacuations and road closures
- Be prepared to change plans quickly if conditions worsen

CRISIS NAVIGATION TIPS:

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE PLANNING

- Familiarize yourself with multiple evacuation routes before an emergency
- Use navigation apps to find alternate routes around closed or dangerous areas
- Be prepared to use less familiar roads if main routes are blocked

USING NAVIGATION APPS WITH REAL-TIME UPDATES

- Utilize apps like Waze or Google Maps for real-time traffic and hazard information
- Look for apps that provide emergency alerts and road closure updates
- Remember that cell service may be unreliable, so download offline maps when possible

COMMUNICATING LOCATION AND PLANS

- Share your evacuation plan and route with family members before leaving
- Use text messages whenever possible to conserve battery and network capacity
- Designate an out-of-area contact to relay messages between family members

STAYING INFORMED THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS

- Monitor local news, radio, and emergency management websites
- Sign up for emergency alert systems in your area
- Follow official social media accounts of local authorities and emergency services

REMEMBER, your safety is essential. Always prioritize official instructions and be prepared to adapt your plans as conditions change.

Sources: Oregon Department of Transportation - Smoky Conditions Driving Guide; Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Evacuation Planning Guide; American Automobile Association (AAA) - Emergency Vehicle Kit Guidelines; National Weather Service - Low Visibility Driving Protocols; DC Natural Disasters Response Guidelines

FOR COMPLETE AND CURRENT INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.READY.GOV