

Vehicle Fire Safety



It's important to act quickly if your car catches on fire.

If your vehicle catches fire:

- ▶ Pull over as quickly as you can when it is safe.
- ▶ Once you have stopped, turn off the engine.
- ▶ Get everyone out of the car. Never return to a burning car. Do not try to fight the fire yourself.
- ▶ If you think there is a fire under the hood or trunk, do not open it. This could cause the fire to grow.
- ▶ Move everyone at least 100 feet from the burning car and well away from traffic.
- ▶ Call 911.

To prevent a vehicle fire:

- ✔ Have your car serviced regularly by a trained mechanic.
- ✔ Keep gas cans or propane tanks away from passengers. Tightly seal and place them on a flat surface to make sure they stay upright.
- ✔ Keep windows open to stop fumes from building up if you must put gas cans or propane tanks inside your vehicle.
- ✔ Drive safely to avoid an accident.

For more information and free fire-safety resources, visit
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