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Subject: **Winter Driving Safety Supplies**

The Iowa-Illinois Safety Council and the National Safety Council have released these lists of supplies that should be kept in vehicles driven during hazardous winter conditions.

The National Safety Council recommends;

First Aid supplies, warm clothing and blankets, snow shovel, flashlight and batteries, flares or warning lights, ice scraper and snow brush, booster cables, bag of kitty litter or sand, windshield washer fluid, nonperishable high-energy foods (hard candy, unsalted peanuts, dried fruit), and water.

The Iowa-Illinois Safety Council suggests also carrying;

A 2- or 3-pound coffee can with three equally spaced holes punched near the top.

Large safety pins and 3 pieces of string about 20" long, to suspend the can.

A 2" candle, and matches.

Several packets of instant soup, tea bags, bouillon, cocoa.

(By putting the lit candle on the coffee can lid, and suspending the coffee can above it, you may melt snow for water, mix in the soup/tea/cocoa for warmth and nutrition)

3 brightly-colored fabric strips to tie to antenna or door knob

Packets of peanuts, hard candy, jelly beans (but avoid chocolate)

Pair of cotton athletic socks, and cotton glove liners

Mylar survival blanket or large green or black leaf bags (reflect body heat)

Flashlight and batteries (keep separate until needed)

When complete, stretch a stocking cap over the can, and keep in the passenger compartment where it will be close at hand. If you use a 3-pound can, there should be additional space for bandaids, aspirin, small radio, etc. If there is still room, increase the quantity of any items or add others that might be of specific need.