

WINTER CAR SEAT SAFETY



BUFFALO CAR SEAT CLUB

Car Seat Safety Do's



- **Do** get your car seat checked by a certified CPST. Crashes are more likely to occur during winter weather.
- **Do** use layers or thin fleece clothes, harness your child and then place a blanket on top of their body.
- **Do** use hats and mittens or gloves.
- **Do** maintain a visual to your child at all times. Avoid zipping their face with a winter cover, or placing a blanket over their car seat.
- **Do** plan ahead and allow extra time to get children into the vehicle.

Car Seat Safety Don'ts



- **Don't** let children wear puffy jackets or bulky winter coats/snowsuits in the car seat (this also applies to adults)
- **Don't** use winter covers or bunting blankets that route through the harness straps of your car seat, attach to the car seat handle, or interfere with installation.
- **Don't** use shower-cap style covers in your vehicle unless you have *approval* from your car seat manufacturer.
- **Don't** travel during a driving ban. Avoid any unnecessary driving during a travel advisory.

Vehicle Safety

- Review your vehicle and consider getting your vehicle serviced before the winter months.
- If needed, consider using all-season or winter tires.
- Maintain a full tank of gas.
- Have emergency equipment stored in your vehicle.
- Know who to call during a road-side emergency. If you are trapped call 911. Save the Thruway Emergency Roadside assistance number 1-800-842-2233 in your phone.

Build your Blizzard Kit



USE A SOFT-SIDED CONTAINER OR
GROCERY BAG TO STORE THESE ITEMS
SAFELY IN YOUR VEHICLE TRUNK

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	Blanket
	Hats, gloves and warm clothes for each family member
	Snacks (consider things like protein bars, nuts, dried fruits)
	Water bottles (consider sports drinks also since they freeze at lower temperatures)
	Portable phone charger
	First Aid Kit
	Flashlight, emergency flares, glow sticks
	Shovel
	Snow Brush / Ice Scraper
	Salt, sand or cat litter

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Use these affiliate links to purchase your safety items - they make great holiday gifts! Remember to store them properly to avoid projectiles.

[AAA Emergency Roadside Kit](#)

[Snow Brush & Ice Scraper](#)

[Collapsible Snow Shovel](#)

[Soft Trunk Caddy](#)

[First Aid Kit](#)

[Flashlight](#)

[Portable Phone Charger](#)



For more information...



Ready.Gov Build an Emergency Car Kit:
<https://www.ready.gov/car>

AAA Winter Car Safety Checklist:
<https://exchange.aaa.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Winter-Car-Care-Checklist1.pdf>

Erie County Winter Storm Safety:
<https://www3.erie.gov/health/winter-storms-extreme-cold#:~:text=Build%20an%20emergency%20kit%20for,Have%20warm%20clothing%20available.>

Erie County Let's Get Ready for Winter:
<https://www3.erie.gov/health/sites/www3.erie.gov.health/files/2022-12/henewsletterreadyforwinterenglish.pdf>