WHAT DO I DO IF I AM STUCK IN MY CAR IN A SNOWSTORM?

Ready.gov says to stay in the car if you are trapped. Keep the gas tank full in winter and keep warm clothing, blankets, water and snacks in the car. A body temperature below 95 degrees is an emergency, so call 911 if you can.

THE STEPS

01 Stay in the car if you are trapped.

02 Use the blankets and warm clothing you keep in the car, and have water and snacks.

03 Call 911 if you can. Montana's travel site lists 911 for emergencies.

04 A body temperature below 95 degrees is an emergency.

THE CHECKLIST

- ☐ Blankets and warm clothing
- ☐ Water and snacks
- ☐ Full tank before you leave
- ☐ Charged phone and battery

How we write it into your plan. Before every winter drive: tank full, kit in the trunk, phone charged, and someone told your route and time.

Sources: Ready.gov, Winter Weather; Montana Department of Transportation, Travel Info (511). Last reviewed November 17, 2026. General planning information, not medical, legal or financial advice.