

Winter Storm Survival on the Road



Pre-reading

Questions:

- What should you do if you get stuck in your car during a snowstorm?
- Has it happened to you or someone you know?

Definitions:

- Survive – to live or continue to live
- Visibility – the ability to see
- Carbon monoxide – a very poisonous gas that has no color or smell

Reading

Joe found himself driving in a snowstorm. The roads were slippery. Visibility was poor.

14 Soon he was stuck in the ditch. He did the right thing by staying with his car. People who leave
34 their car can get lost. They can become exhausted and overcome by the cold. Walking in a storm
52 is very **dangerous**.

55 While he was waiting for help, he shoveled the snow away from the tail pipe of his car. A
74 blocked tail pipe causes deadly fumes of carbon monoxide to back up inside of a car. Joe was now
93 ready to start the engine and warm the car. Joe was glad he had just filled his gas tank. It could
114 take a long time for help to arrive.

122 Joe was also glad he had prepared a winter storm survival kit for his car. He had a warm
141 blanket. (A sleeping bag is another **option**.) He also had these items in a box he kept in his trunk:

161 First aid kit Booster cables Flashlight with extra batteries

170 Knife Paper Towels Tool kit

175 Ice scraper Small snow shovel Snowbrush

181 Candy bars – or other high calorie foods that won't spoil

191 Small can and water proof matches to melt snow for drinking water

203 Ten pound bag of sand or kitty litter – to put under tires for better traction on snow or ice

222 After three hours of waiting, help did arrive. Joe was very thankful! He was also very pleased
239 with himself. He had made good decisions and was well prepared. He had stayed warm and safe.

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