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Tailgate Safety Talks for School Employees

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Preparing Your Vehicle for Inclement Weather

As we've experienced with the sudden rainstorms followed by clear skies in the past week, the weather in our areas can often be unpredictable.

Our vehicles are our primary source of transportation; therefore, to ensure our safety and those we are transporting, it's best to run a thorough checkup before the winter strikes.

- ❖ Check the ignition, brakes, wiring, hoses, fan belts, and windshield wipers
- ❖ Change and adjust the spark plugs
- ❖ Check the air, fuel and emission filters, and the PCV valve
- ❖ Inspect the distributor
- ❖ Check the battery
- ❖ Check the tires for air, sidewall wear, and tread depth
- ❖ Check antifreeze level and the freeze line

Taking your car in for a tune-up will help ensure optimal gas mileage, quick starts and fast response on pick-up and passing power.

In the case of a sudden emergency on the road, it is helpful to be prepared with the following items:

- ❖ A properly inflated spare tire, wheel wrench, and tripod-style jack
- ❖ Shovel
- ❖ Jumper cables
- ❖ Tow and tire chains
- ❖ A bag of salt or cat litter
- ❖ Tool kit

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Be sure you and your loved ones are equipped with a “survival kit” that remains in the car for emergency use only. Contents of the emergency kit include:

- ❖ Flashlight & extra batteries
- ❖ Reflective triangles
- ❖ Compass
- ❖ First aid kit
- ❖ Ice scraper
- ❖ Matches
- ❖ Scissors & string/cord
- ❖ Non-perishable, high energy foods such as unsalted canned nuts, dried fruit and hard candy
- ❖ Wool blanket
- ❖ Drinking water

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