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HALF OF MANITOBANS NOT PREPARED FOR WINTER DRIVING EMERGENCIES

CAA survey finds many Manitobans may be left in the cold while waiting for help

Winnipeg, MB: Manitobans may be known for their hardiness in the face of subarctic temperatures, but a recent CAA Manitoba survey has found that nearly half are not prepared for a winter emergency in their cars.

“If you’re driving in Manitoba in winter, an emergency kit is a must-have,” says CAA Manitoba Public and Government Affairs Specialist, Angèle Young. “No matter if you drive in the city or rural areas, every motorist should be prepared.”

Along with having extra winter gear like mitts and a toque available in your vehicle, Young notes emergency kits should have three types of items:

1. **Survival, to keep you alive.** Things like food, water, blankets and a basic first aid kit
2. **Visibility, to help you be seen and found.** Items such as flares, reflectors or banners.
3. **Tools, to fix it yourself.** Materials like a screwdriver, tape, kitty litter or a shovel.

Prepackaged emergency kits can be purchased at any CAA Manitoba location, and a coupon for up to \$8 off is available on the CAA Manitoba Facebook page until December 8.

To avoid being stuck in the cold, CAA Manitoba is also reminding drivers to:

- Check road conditions before heading out. A detailed map is available on the Government of Manitoba [website](#), and webcams for many popular highways in Manitoba can be found on the [CAA Manitoba website](#).
- Plug your vehicle in. If the temperature drops below -18 degrees Celsius, plug your car in for at least three hours before you intend on driving it.
- Make sure your service is up to date. Ensure all fluid levels are adequate and your battery is in good working condition.

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