## Enjoying the holly days

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Winter is a very exciting and fun time for all, with Christmas and other holiday celebrations, it is a very special time of year. However, with winter and Christmas comes snow and lots of it. While snow is a very beautiful sight to see on Christmas morning and during the holiday season, it can also be a safety hazard to people driving. Especially living in Iowa, it is very common for roads and sidewalks to become snowy and icy which means a lot of potentially dangerous scenarios. According to carsurance.net, every year there are approximately 156,164 car accidents that are caused by icy roads and more than 1,300 people die in these car accidents and even more are injured. 17% of all car accidents

happen in snowy weather conditions. To prepare for snow and winter weather you need to make sure that your car is also prepared. This means checking your tires, car battery, make sure you have enough gas, etc. You also need to make sure you are driving safely. Adjust your speed to the weather conditions, increase your following distance, and always make sure that you do not use cruise control on icy roads. It is very important that as this weather is approaching we prepare to stay as safe as possible and be ready for any situation that could happen. Also we need to be sure that we are as prepared as possible for the worst case scenario by keeping extra supplies in your car that you may need in these scenarios. Please take the time to look at the winter safety kit ideas that we have made for you to put in your car and help you stay safe this winter.



Above are some helpful items to keep in your car this winter season in the event of an emergency situtation.

## The newest catastrophe

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2019 the year of the VSCO girls, who preach saving the turtles and the world. They preach saving the turtles, yet continue to use plastic bags and plastic in general. As an employee at a grocery store, I see the abuse of plastic bags. Someone

will come in, purchase a single item and still use a plastic bag. Those bags will end up in the trash and then a landfill and then the ocean killing the turtles. So VSCO girls if you want to save the turtles, chill it with the plastic.





