

# 8 Tips for Driving Safely During a Hurricane Evacuation



## Always Buckle Your Seat Belt

It's estimated that more than 27 million people do not use a seat belt despite knowing that they have lifesaving value. In fact, 48% of the people killed in traffic collisions in 2016 were not wearing a seat belt.



## Watch Your Speed

Many people don't know that the first 10 minutes of a rainfall is the most dangerous when it comes to hydroplaning. A car traveling as slow as 35 mph can hydroplane, so watch your speed.



## Prepare for Broken Traffic Signals

Always treat an intersection with no signage as a four-way stop. Police may be spread too thin to direct traffic at every intersection in the area, so it's up to every driver to behave as they should.



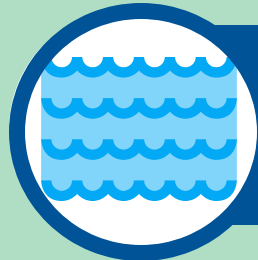
## Look for Obstacles

High winds can cause things to fly through the air and come to a landing on the road. Stay alert and keep your eyes peeled on the area in front of your car. Scan the horizon looking for any unexpected hazards.



## Keep Lots of Space Between Cars

Don't ride the bumper of the car in front of you, no matter how much of a hurry you're in or how irritated you are. If the vehicle in front of you has to come to a sudden stop, you won't have time to stop before you collide with them.



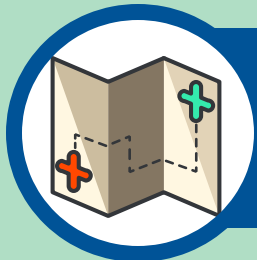
## Don't Drive Through Water

Resist the temptation to drive through a flooded roadway. It takes as little as six inches of water to force your car to lose contact with the road and cause you to lose control. Two feet of water can sweep your car away.



## Stay Off Your Phone

Driving while paying attention to your cell phone is dangerous. You put yourself and those around you at risk. If you need to make an emergency phone call, pull to the side of the road or into a parking lot.



## Plan Your Route

By planning your route, you have less to think about. The police may have planned your route for you. If not, know the easiest way to get to the evacuation center or to friends, family or even a hotel.

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