

How To Escape a Sinking Vehicle



- ◆ Always buckle up and ask your passengers to buckle.
- ◆ Have a plan. Planning saves lives.
- ◆ Try to be calm. Panicking wastes valuable energy. If you can, brace for impact.
- ◆ After impact, release your seat belts and those of your children.
- ◆ Lower windows and climb out (electrical systems usually work even in water for a short time).



- ◆ If unable to open a window, kick out side or rear windows or break with anything hard, or with pointed end (heels, umbrella, screwdriver).



- ◆ Heavy objects can make you sink. Be prepared to remove boots and heavy outer clothing.
- ◆ If vehicle submerges, take slow, deep breaths until water fills vehicle interior (which equalizes pressure), open door and swim/float to surface.
- ◆ Wave to emergency responders who will throw life ring and rescue you from the water.