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A SURVIVAL GUIDE

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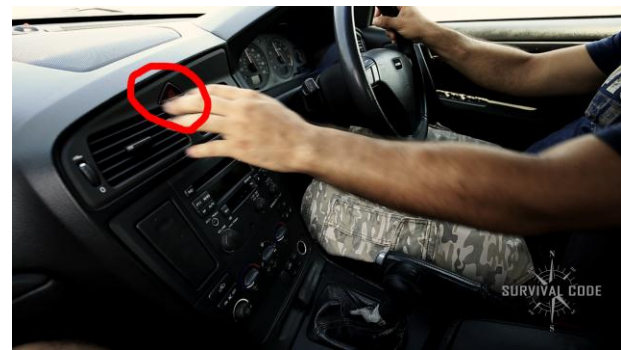
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BREAK FAILURE

SCENARIO 1

If brakes fail while driving, change gear and apply the handbrake. You must do several things at once: take your foot off the accelerator, flick the switch of your warning lights, pump the footbrake rapidly (it may still connect), change down through the gears and apply handbrake pressure. Don't slam the brake on, begin with gentle bursts, gradually braking harder until you stop.



SCENARIO 2

If there is no time for all this, take your foot off the accelerator and change down through the gears - and grab the handbrake - but DON'T apply maximum pressure until you are sure that you won't skid.

CAR BREAK ON RAILWAY

SCENARIO 1

If a car breaks down on an unmanned level crossing, put it into gear and use the starter motor to jerk it clear. This will work with a manual gear change but not with an automatic.



SCENARIO 2

If a train is approaching abandon the car, carry children or infirm persons to safety and keep away - about 45m (50yds) should be far enough - for if a train is travelling at high speed it could fling car wreckage quite a distance.



ESCAPE FROM A HOLE

If you by accident drive the car with a wheel on a hole, and you don't have enough money to call assistance, don't panic because you can get out of it by yourself. Look in the trunk for the jack, the spare wheel and in my case the wrench. Use the jack to lift up the car and place the spare wheel beneath the car close to the jack. Then let the car down.



After you have done this place the jack after the spare wheel and lift up the car again. Then place some rocks (in my case, but you can place anything you can find around you or close to you) closer to the wheel, then let the car down again.



Place the jack in front of the car and lift it up again.



As you can see search for a spot beneath the wheel, level the ground, I'm using a wrench, then place some rock one on top of each other until you are sure that the wheel can support it. Take the spare wheel and the rocks close to the wheel then let the car down.



Shift the gear in reverse and drive back.

As you can see it's not that hard, and you can do it and use anything around you to escape a hole trap.

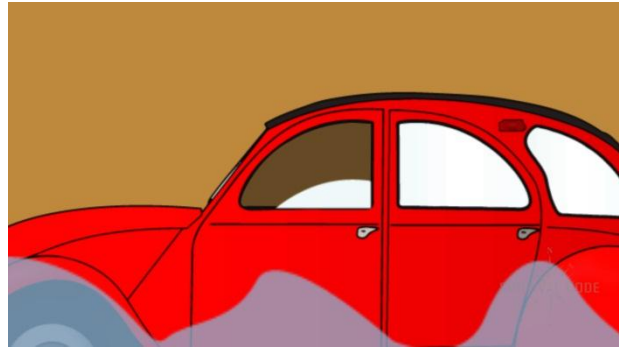
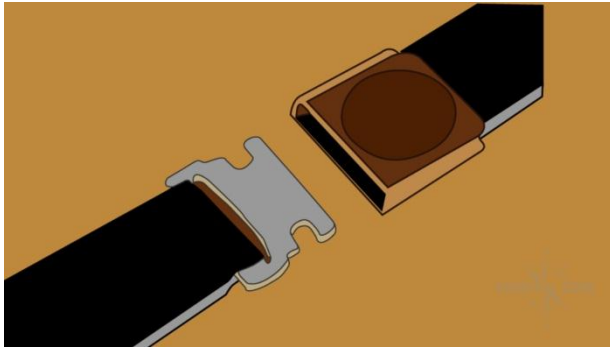


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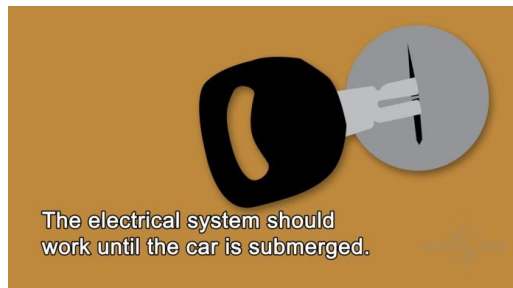
It can happen in an instant: your car ends up in the water, and it's sinking fast. Here's how to get out.



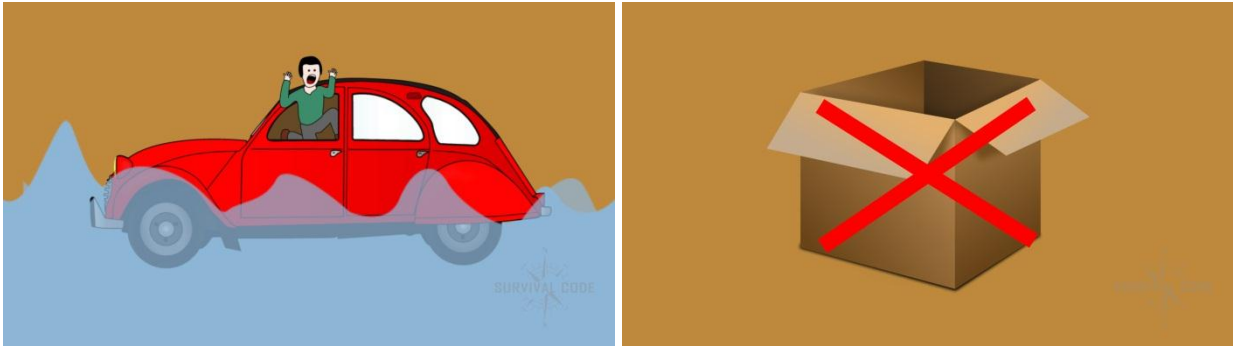
Stem panic by reminding yourself that your car will usually float for a minute or two before it begins to sink. Use this time to unfasten your seat belt, open the drive side window or a sunroof, and unlock the doors.



As long as you keep your keys in the ignition, the electrical system likely will work until the car is submerged enough for the system to short out.



Climb out the window before the car becomes submerged, and swim to the surface. Do not try to save possessions.



If you were unable to open your side window, break it with your elbow, heels, or – better still – anything pointy you have on hand, like a pen or screwdriver.

Aim for the center of the window. Don't bother with the windshield; it's made to be unbreakable.

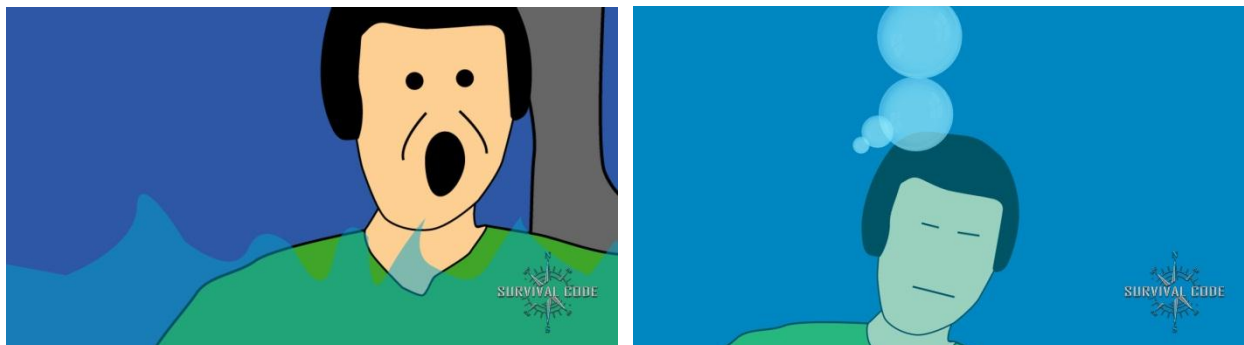
Hardware stores sell tools specifically designed to break car windows in an emergency.

If you were unable to get out through the window, don't panic! Let the car fill with water, knowing that once it does the water pressure inside and out will be equalized, allowing you to open the door and escape.

Hang on to the door handle as the car fills with water so you don't float and become disoriented if the car flips.



When the water reaches your chin, take a deep breath and hold it. Then open the door and swim out headfirst. If



you're not sure which way is up, look for bubbles and swim in the direction in which they're rising.

Hope you heaved enjoyed this presentation.

All the best.....