

Emergency Preparedness Checklists — Vehicle Fire

Protect Against Vehicle Fires

- Make sure my phone has Monterey County emergency services in my contacts.
- Wait to charge my cell phone with my car while I am awake.
- If possible, charge my cell phone with a solar charger instead of plugging it into thy car.
- Don't smoke or light cigarettes in the car.
- Always wipe up oil, coolant, or other fluids spilled on or around the engine.
- Stop driving when the engine is overheating.
- Replace cracked, frayed, or loose wires and damaged hoses, and repair all sources of fluid leaks as soon as possible.
- Don't drive my car if ...
 - It has even the smallest fuel leak.
 - It seems to use fuel more quickly than possible from just driving it.
 - It smells like fuel.
 - It smells like smoke.

Respond to a Vehicle Fire

- Get out of the car immediately if I smell smoke or wonder if there is a fire.
- Stand outside the car to locate a cigarette, match, or known source of flame dropped into the car.
- Get out of my car and move far away the moment I realize it's burning.
- Don't raise the hood of the car if it's hot or if smoke is rising from under it.
- Pull over on the freeway as soon as it's safe to do so, and quickly move far away from my car if smoke is rising from it.

Once You Move to Safety

- Call emergency services as soon as I have moved far away from my car and can stand in a safe location away from traffic and other hazards.