ROAD TRIP CHECKLIST AND SAFETY TIPS

Whether traveling across town or across the state, it's important to keep safety in mind.
If you prepare and practice safe driving, getting there can be half the fun!

A MONTH BEFORE YOUR TRIP:

- ❑ Check your vehicle for recalls and have any necessary repairs completed before hitting the road at nhtsa.gov/recalls.
- ❑ Register your Emergency Contact Information at flhsmv.gov/eci.

TWO WEEKS BEFORE YOUR TRIP:

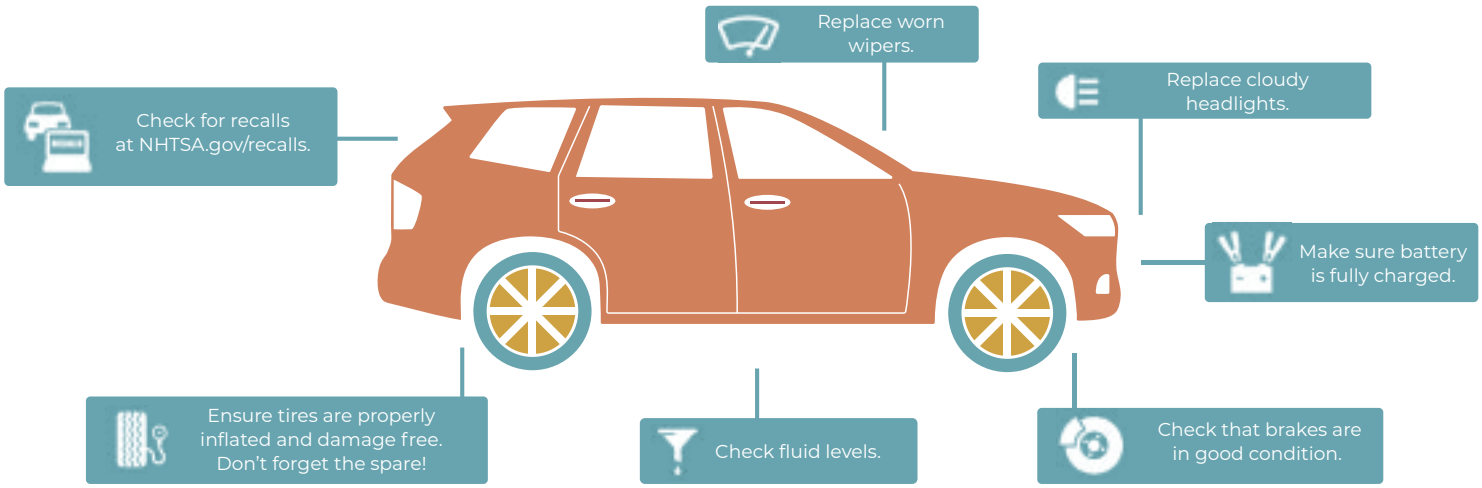
- ❑ Perform any regularly scheduled maintenance, including an oil change, and ensure your brakes are in good working order.
- ❑ Replace or repair cloudy headlights and replace worn wipers. Check that brake lights and turn signals are working properly.
- ❑ Inspect tires for damage and adequate tread depth and replace if necessary. Even if tires are in good shape, schedule an appointment to have them balanced, rotated and aligned. Don't forget to check the condition of the spare tire.

A WEEK BEFORE YOUR TRIP:

- ❑ Check that your battery is maintaining a full charge.
- ❑ Ensure that you have jumper cables, the necessary equipment to replace a tire and/or your roadside service agreement is up-to-date.

THE DAY BEFORE YOUR TRIP:

- ❑ Check vehicle fluids.
- ❑ Check tire pressure, including your spare.
- ❑ When packing vehicle, be sure not to exceed the maximum weight load for your tires. See the driver side door jamb or vehicle owner's manual for specifications.
- ❑ Make sure you have your driver license, proof of insurance and registration.



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TRIP TIPS

DURING YOUR TRIP:

- Make sure all passengers are buckled up at all times. Children should be in the proper child restraint seats at all times, more information can be found at flhsmv.gov/childsafety.
- Be aware of changing speed limits. The limit in Florida will never be higher than 70 mph.
- Eliminate distractions. Keep your hands on the wheel, eyes on the road and mind on driving. Let your co-pilot help you navigate or change the music.
- Don't drive drowsy. Take a break every 100 miles or two hours.
- Move over for stopped emergency vehicles – it's the law!
- Write down important phone numbers and keep them in your car in case your cell phone battery dies and you don't have a way to charge it.
- If you need to pull over:
- Stop in a safe place, out of the roadway and away from traffic.
- Turn on your emergency flashers. If you have emergency roadway flares in your trunk, position them conspicuously.
- If a motorist stops to render assistance, it's better to remain in the car and ask them to get help. Likewise, if you see a stranded motorist, it's better not to stop. Notify law enforcement.
- If you are involved in a minor crash, stay in the vehicle and call law enforcement to report the crash.

CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING OR WITNESSING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

DIAL *FHP (347) TO REPORT IMPAIRED DRIVERS, TRAFFIC CRASHES, STRANDED MOTORISTS OR DANGEROUS TRAFFIC SITUATIONS ON FLORIDA ROADWAYS.