

QUIZ

1. If a vehicle plunges into water it will usually float how long?
 - a. 1/2 hour
 - b. not at all
 - c. several minutes
2. Your escape should be through the
 - a. trunk
 - b. door
 - c. window
3. If you have rear seat passengers, you should first
 - a. leave them
 - b. move them to the front seat
 - c. throw them into the water
4. When exiting the vehicle, you should
 - a. swim to shore
 - b. move to the roof
 - c. collect your personal items
5. If assistance has not arrived, the last resort is to
 - a. swim to shore
 - b. wait on top of the car
 - c. yell for help

Find the answers to these and other challenging questions inside.

PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY.

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Answer to Quiz

1. c 2. c 3. b 4. b 5. a

TWO MINUTES TO SURVIVAL



SURVIVING A CRASH INVOLVING WATER



If a vehicle plunges into water, it will usually float several minutes before sinking, allowing the driver and occupants to escape through an open window, while the vehicle is still on the surface. **Do not open doors!** The weight of the water will make it nearly impossible to open a door. And an open door will quickly flood the passenger compartment. Do not panic. Calm down by taking several deep breaths and focusing on the task at hand. Remember the following steps:

1. SURVIVE THE CRASH

Use the existing passenger restraint systems (seatbelts) in your vehicle at all times. Most water crashes do not cause injury to occupants of the vehicle - if they are wearing seatbelts.



2. REMOVE YOUR SEATBELT

It just saved your life, do not wear it to the bottom!

3. OPEN OR BREAK THE WINDOW

Automatic windows should work. If the impact is so severe that it damages the electrical system, break the window (glass-breaking tools are widely available).

4. ORGANIZE PASSENGERS IN THE FRONT SEAT

Get children out of rear seatbelts and child restraints. Have older children assist the younger ones. Move them to the front seats as calmly as possible.



5. EXIT THE VEHICLE, AND MOVE TO THE ROOF

Get children to the roof first, then join them there. This will keep you as dry as possible. Even in moving water you can ride the vehicle like a boat for a short time. Once on the roof, you will have time to call 911, locate the nearest dry land (usually the path your vehicle took into the water), and decide on your next action.

6. SWIM FOR SHORE ONLY AS A LAST RESORT

If emergency personnel, or other assistance, have not arrived by the time your vehicle sinks below the waterline, you may have to swim.



Many times the water will be shallow enough to keep the roof above water, or just below the surface, allowing you to stand on it indefinitely.

7. NEVER RE-ENTER THE VEHICLE FOR PERSONAL EFFECTS

This will place you back in harms way.