

# Vehicle Fire Safety



**It's important to act quickly if your car catches on fire.**

**If your vehicle catches fire:**

- Pull over as quickly as you can when it is safe.
- Once you have stopped, turn off the engine.
- Get everyone out of the car. Never return to a burning car. Do not try to fight the fire yourself.
- If you think there is a fire under the hood or trunk, do not open it. This could cause the fire to grow.
- Move everyone at least 100 feet from the burning car and well away from traffic.
- Call 911.

**To prevent a vehicle fire:**

- ✔ Have your car serviced regularly by a trained mechanic.
- ✔ Keep gas cans or propane tanks away from passengers. Tightly seal and place them on a flat surface to make sure they stay upright.
- ✔ Keep windows open to stop fumes from building up if you must put gas cans or propane tanks inside your vehicle.
- ✔ Drive safely to avoid an accident.

For more information and free fire-safety resources, visit  
**[www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov)**.

