

FIVE STEPS TO ESCAPE A SINKING CAR



1 > STAY CALM

Take a deep breath then take charge of the situation. Your life (and that of others in your vehicle) will depend on it.

2 > OPEN THE WINDOW(S)

Tell all passengers to do the same or open theirs from your console. If your car is in a swift moving current open the window(s) on the side opposite the water flow direction. This will minimize water rushing in and it will be easier to exit. In strong currents exiting through a sun roof may be your best option.

3 > UNFASTEN YOUR SEATBELT

If possible keep one hand on the open window ledge as a point of reference. As the car begins to sink it may roll over and this will help keep you oriented.

4 > EXIT THROUGH THE WINDOW(S)

If there are children or others less able in the car, if possible help them out and then exit immediately.

5 > SWIM TO SAFETY

If you are under water and not sure which direction to swim, allow a few air bubbles to escape your mouth and follow them toward the surface.

* Do not attempt to break the front windshield as it is laminated and almost impossible to break. Aim for a corner of the window (not the center).