



## Winter SAFETY TIPS

- It's cold outside!! Do **NOT** start your car and leave it unattended while it warms up. Consider getting a remote starter.
- Keep your car's doors, windows and trunk locked and secured at all times.
- Keep your valuables under the seat, your packages in the trunk so thieves will not be tempted to break in and steal them.
- Activate your anti-theft device (clubs, alarms, etc.) it will deter thieves who will automatically seek out another car that is much easier to steal.
- Park your car in a well-lit, well-traveled area.
- Avoid parking next to large vehicles or any objects (dumpsters, large trees or shrubbery, etc.) that someone could easily hide behind.

### ***IF YOU BREAK DOWN***

- ✚ Never get out of the vehicle to make a repair or examine the damage on a busy highway. Get the vehicle to a safe place before getting out. If you've been involved in an accident, motion the other driver to pull up to a safe spot ahead.
- ✚ If you can't drive the vehicle, it may be safer to stay in the vehicle and wait for help or use a cell phone to summon help. Under most circumstances standing outside the vehicle in the flow of traffic is a bad idea.
- ✚ Carry flares or triangles to use to mark your location once you get to the side of the road. Marking your vehicle's location to give other drivers advance warning can be critical. Remember to put on your hazard lights!
- ✚ In the case of a blowout or a flat tire, move the vehicle to a safer place before attempting a repair—even if it means destroying the wheel getting there. The cost of a tire, rim or wheel is minor compared to endangering your safety.