Eliminate Auto Clutter for Safer Driving to and from Work

When you're driving a 3,000 lb. automobile at 65 MPH, even a spit-second distraction can result in disaster.

Safe drivers avoid talking on a cell phone, eating, reading a map, putting on make-up, or removing a CD while their vehicle is moving.

Remove unnecessary clutter such as toys, tools, and bottles from the passenger compartment to avoid distraction and to avoid having loose items become missles or projectiles that could hit you or a passenger in the head if you brake suddenly.

Use your glove compartment, center-console, or a seat organizer to carry:

- Proof of insurance
- Vehicle registration
- Vehicle owner's manual
- Small flashlight with extra batteries
- Wet wipes
- Tire-pressure gauge
- Notepad and pencil
- A very small amount of emergency cash
- Pencil rather than a pen, which can dry out over time

Put a piece of rubber mat or drawer-liner in the bottom of a center-console or storage unit to keep the items quiet and secure.

Keep emergency supplies and tools in the trunk.

Wrap tools and supplies in a towel to keep them from rattling around in your trunk.

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