

WHAT DO I DO IF I'M TRAPPED IN MY CAR DURING A WINTER STORM?

- Stay in the car. Do not leave the car to look for help unless help is visible within 100 yards
- Display a "call for help" sign. Raise the car hood or hang a brightly colored cloth on the antenna to signal for help
- To keep warm, turn on the car's engine for about 10 minutes each hour. Run the heater and lights only (Avoid running the car battery down)
- Keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow
- Open a window slightly for fresh air
- Do light exercise to stay warm
- If you're alone, stay awake as much as possible
- If more than one person is in the car, take turns sleeping, and for warmth, huddle close together.
- Wrap your body and head with extra clothes, blankets, newspapers, maps or removable objects.
- Do not eat snow (lowers your body temperature). If no other water is available, snow can be used for water but it must be boiled to kill germs.

HOW CAN THE RESIDENTS HELP US?

You can assist our employees and equipment operators in several ways.

- Post your house numbers (preferable reflective) at the street, visible from both directions. Mount your numbers on a stable post or surface that will not be blocked by snow banks or foliage. Take care that your posted numbers are on your property and not on an easement
- Always park your vehicle off of the street. This will save you a possible ticket, citation and/or towing charge.
- Advise your children to *never play near or in a snow berm near the roadway.*
- Do not follow equipment too closely. Please be patient if you are required to wait behind a piece of snow removal equipment.
- Make certain that your speed is reasonable for conditions.

Do not flag down or approach snow plows, drivers have extreme difficulty in stopping the vehicle. For further assistance call the Business Office (661) 242-3788 or Patrol Line (661) 242-3857

IN CONCLUSION:

PMCPQA's job is to provide you with the most exceptional customer service possible.

Our Road Crew takes pride in providing the citizens and visitors of PMC with the best snow removal in the area. PMC crews will again be making every effort to provide excellent service while keeping costs as low as is reasonably possible.

If PMCPQA determines that more than two feet of snow has fallen during any one shift in mountainous areas, snow removal operations may be suspended until after the storm has passed. In addition, when conditions become so severe that Road Crews cannot keep up with falling snow, Road Crews may leave the area until such time as it is safe to resume snow removal operations. When it becomes necessary for Road Crews to suspend snow removal activities, the Maintenance Department will attempt to inform the residents of the suspension in snow removal operations as quickly as possible. This may be done by media announcements or email correspondence when possible.

During snowplow operations, every effort will be made to leave as small a berm of snow in front of driveways as possible. Any berm of snow that is left in front of a driveway will become the responsibility of the homeowner or resident to remove. During the cleanup phase, after storms have passed and manpower and equipment become available, the PMCPQA will remove snow berms from in front of driveways for the disabled and seniors.

All plowing activities shall be performed in compliance with the California Motor Vehicle Code, specifically, Section 34501.2 which says "No operator will be allowed to operate a commercial vehicle (i.e. snowplow truck), more than 12 hours per day or more than 80 hours in any consecutive 8-day period". However, operators may exceed these driver hours of service when directed to do so by law enforcement during the course of an emergency, pursuant to Section 15210 (D) and Section 2800 of the California Motor Vehicle Code.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation. Let's have another safe and enjoyable winter.

Important Contact Numbers

FMC Patrol	<i>(661) 242-3857</i>
FMC Weather Report	<i>(661) 242-4017</i>
Sheriff	<i>(661) 245-3440</i>
Kern County Roads	<i>(661) 248-6535</i>
CHP Lebec	<i>(661) 248-6655</i>
CHP Roads	<i>(800) 427-7623</i>
CHP Traffic Accidents	<i>(661) 334-3913 or (661) 864-4444 or Weekends (661) 864-4400</i>
US Forest Service	<i>(661) 245-3449</i>
23 News 24 hour Weather	<i>(661) 637-1010</i>

PMCPDA's Administrative Office Hours
8:00am-5:00pm M-F
8:00am-2:00pm Saturday.
Our administrative hours are not related to the operation of our equipment. Our equipment operations are dictated by the weather and will vary from storm to storm.

Please
Buckle Up For Safety!
Enjoy beautiful PMC's Winter
Wonderland
and ***if you have an
emergency call 911!***