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The Checklist

We are all aware of the checklists that pilots use to prepare for pre-flight, cruise, landing, and emergencies. We should also have checklists for driving our vehicles. While these checklists might not be printed on a card or in a book in your car, they should be part of a conscious routine that you go through while preparing to drive, and while driving.

Some pre-drive checklist items might include walking around the vehicle to ensure that there are no children or objects behind or in front of the car, checking the fuel level, checking the tire inflation, cleaning the windshield, ensuring that you have a cell phone with you, and determining what route you will travel.

Some driving checklist items might include determining your escape route in the event of an emergency (leaving yourself an out), ensuring that you are traveling at a safe speed, and constantly checking your mirrors to know what is going on around you at all times.

Think about what your checklist items might be and make a habit of consciously reviewing your checklist items on a routine basis. Keep your situational awareness high, use your checklist, and drive safely!

