

Safety equipment in road tunnels

Ventilation systems
In the event of a fire the ventilation system either extracts smoke from the tunnel or pushes smoke in a single direction. In this last case you should face the airflow and walk to the nearest emergency exit.

Emergency exits are clearly marked by appropriate signs and lights. In the event of a fire, always leave your vehicle immediately, and follow emergency lights showing the escape route to the emergency exit. Emergency exits have fireproof and smokeproof doors.

Emergency lanes or lay-bys
There are emergency lanes or lay-bys at regular intervals for vehicles that have broken down. Lay-bys are equipped with emergency stations.

Tunnel lighting
The lighting systems enable the human eye to adapt quickly to the reduced visibility in tunnels. Emergency exits and stations are fitted with continuous emergency lighting.

Traffic radio
Signs indicate the radio frequency for traffic information. Tune in your radio to the station before entering the tunnel. Listen to announcements and follow the instructions given by the tunnel operator.

Traffic surveillance
If an emergency call comes from inside the tunnel, the images from the camera in that particular section appear automatically on the monitor in the tunnel operator's control room.

Emergency stations are located in the tunnel at frequent intervals. They are equipped with:

- emergency phones connected to the tunnel control room
- fire extinguishers
- push-button alarms.



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What to do when you are entering a tunnel



Listen to the **radio** station indicated by the sign



Switch on your **headlights**. Take off your **sunglasses**



Obey **traffic lights** and **signs**



Keep a safe **distance** from the vehicle in front



Do not overtake if there is only one lane in each direction



Do not turn or reverse. **Do not stop**, except in an emergency



What to do in traffic congestion



Switch on your **warning lights**



Keep your **distance**, even if you are moving slowly or have stopped



Switch off your **engine**, if the traffic has come to a halt



Listen to messages on the **radio**



Follow the **instructions** given by tunnel officials or **obey variable message signs**

Remember: Check fuel and turn on radio before entering a tunnel!

What to do in the event of breakdown or accident



Switch on your **warning lights**



Try to **move your vehicle** to an **emergency lane** or **lay-by** or at least to the hard shoulder



Switch off the **engine**



Leave your **vehicle**



If necessary and possible, give **first aid** to **injured people**



Call for **help** from an emergency station



What to do if your or another vehicle is on fire



If your vehicle is on fire, if possible **drive out of the tunnel**



If that is not possible, **pull over** to the side, **switch off the engine** and **leave the vehicle** immediately



Call for **help** from an emergency station



If you can, **put out the fire** using an **extinguisher** available in the tunnel



If you can, **give first aid** to injured people



Go, as soon as possible, to an **emergency exit**



Remember: Fire and smoke can kill - save your life, not your car!