Vehicle Fire Safety

It's critical to act quickly if your vehicle catches fire, and consider an often-overlooked vehicle accessory:

A Fire Extinguisher

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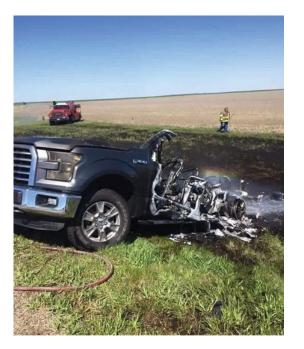


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A quick story from personal experience



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- What to do if you see unusual smoke or your vehicle catches fire
 - 1. Pull over as quickly as you can when it is safe.
 - 2. Once you have stopped, turn off the engine.
 - 3. Get everyone out of the car.
 - Never return to a burning car.
 - It's not worth the risk! Do not try to fight the fire yourself unless you are extremely confident is it safe to manage with a fire extinguisher. If you're not sure, don't risk it!
 - 4. If you think there is a fire under the hood or trunk, do not open it. This could cause the fire to grow.
 - 5. Move everyone at least 100 feet from the burning car and well away from traffic.
 - 6. Call 911.



Consider a Vehicle Fire Extinguisher

- It is generally safe to carry a fire extinguisher in your vehicle and they are fairly inexpensive.
- Keep the following in mind:
 - Can only be stored between -40 and 120 degrees Fahrenheit. (do your research there are excellent options for cars and trucks)
 - Need to be kept <u>secured in your vehicle</u>, unsecured items can turn into dangerous projectiles.
 - Must be properly maintained, inspect regularly.
 - Fire extinguishers come in several types with various uses. (typically an ABC dry chemical extinguisher)
 - Make sure you know how to operate it!
- The proper usage of a fire extinguisher is a simple acronym called <u>PASS</u>:
 - 1. Pull: Pull out the safety pin located at the top of the extinguisher. This will unlock the handle and allow you to use the extinguisher.
 - **2. Aim:** Aim the nozzle or hose at the base of the fire, not the flames. This is where the fuel source is located, and extinguishing it will put out the fire.
 - **3. Squeeze:** Squeeze the handle or trigger to release the extinguishing agent.
 - **4. Sweep:** Sweep the nozzle or hose from side to side to extinguish the fire.

