

# Winter driving calls for extra precautions

Dear Jo:

My parents, who are in their late sixties, have retired to the country. They are enjoying the slow-paced life and are managing very well.

My concern is that they are very dependent on their car and with the winter upon us I worry even more. Would you address safe winter driving for older persons in your column?

Mr. G.O.

Dear Mr. O.:

Winter driving precautions are pretty much the same for persons of all ages. Your concern for your parents is not unreasonable as older persons with their increased susceptibility to the cold are more apt to run into serious health problems if exposed.

If your parents take certain precautions such as having their car prepared for winter, keeping emergency equipment on hand and knowing what kind of trouble to expect and how to handle it, they should be quite safe. You may want to give them a membership in an automobile association and, if they live in an isolated region of the country, they should consider a Citizen's Band radio.

Since winter driving is serious business they shouldn't ever leave home without heeding the local weather report. If blizzard or heavy snow conditions are forecast they should probably remain at home.

For proper car operation the pre-winter checklist should include inspection or repair of the ignition system, battery, lights, fuel system, lubrication, heater, brakes, wipers, defroster, antifreeze and winter oil. Since your parents live in the country, snow tires are a must.

Prior to going anywhere in the winter it is wise to "get set to go" by always clearing the windshield and all other windows and warm the engine before heading to busy highways.

Headlights should be on low beam during daylight driving when it is grey or snowing for more visibility. Emergency flashers should be used during a sleet storm or white-out conditions.



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Winter travel kits can be purchased and stored in the trunk — or you can put together one for your parents. Generally they include, a shovel, sand, tow chain, flashlight, compass, battery operated warning light or road flares, extra clothing and blankets, ice scraper and brush, booster cables, candles, matches, first aid kit, fire extinguisher and methyl hydrate for fuel line and windshield de-icing.

Driving on slippery hills can be "tricky" when going up they should not slow down, rather they should build up some momentum to help them climb. Going down, they should use a lower gear or neutral to assist with braking. If they get out of control, they should head for a snow bank.

If your parents (or anyone else) get trapped they should not panic — they should think and plan for their safety. They must avoid overexertion and exposure. Shovelling and bitter cold can kill them. By staying in their car, they won't get lost and will be sheltered.

They should run the motor sparingly and keep fresh air in the car by opening a lee-side window. Beware of gas fumes by ensuring that the exhaust pipe is not blocked with snow. They should set out a warning light or flares.

To keep warm they should wrap up in blankets, light several candles, turn the engine on periodically and exercise their limbs, hands and feet vigorously. They should keep moving and not fall asleep.

Mr. O., thank you for your letter, a little reminder about winter safety at this time of year will be helpful to all my readers.

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## If we are Christian, we must care

**B**ISHOP DESMOND Tutu says of apartheid in South Africa: "It is not a political issue. It is a spiritual issue." He goes on to say that it is not politics or theology that makes him concerned about how his people are treated. "It is because you and I know that we worship a God that cares."

There are many who would want Bishop Tutu to leave politics out of the church. There are many who still try to separate the church from "worldly issues." They would hope that everyone would keep religion within the walls of the church, synagogue and home.

This view is no different than the policies of Jim Crow and apartheid in South Africa. In contrast, I argue that it is impossible to separate an authentic Christian faith from the rest of life.

Bishop Tutu battles away at the idea of a private religion when he says, "And so I come to say thank you and to remember with you that nothing that happens to a Christian can ever be of only personal or individual significance."

**BISHOP TUTU** is one of those persons who is unwilling to separate life into neat



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little categories. He instead takes a wholistic approach to life. Everything is connected. We are connected to one another. It is God's compassion which connects us all. Apartheid is therefore as much a spiritual issue as it is a political one. God cares when he sees his children suffer. For this reason a person of faith cannot claim that such issues are not his concern.

It makes a difference how we define life. We can separate life into categories and so avoid the contradictions. Those who separate life in this manner can worship on Sunday and then go out on Monday and carry out their business in such a way that it destroys people. In like manner one can practice a private religion and then fail to see the contradictions in doing business with a regime which ignores the human rights of a majority of its people.

A human rights activist in Czechoslova-

kia links peace talks with the human rights issue. He says that you cannot trust a nation to keep its commitments regarding peace if that same government is unwilling to keep its human rights commitments to its own citizens. Again we find someone who is linking issues.

People like Bishop Tutu and the Czech activist push us to drive deeper into the core of the issue. Two other significant religious leaders in America, Billy Graham and Martin Luther King Jr. found that they arrived at a point where they felt that they must deal with the world peace issue.

In both cases their advisors warned them not to pursue this concern. Both men decided that they must address the peace issue because they knew that it connected with concerns that were central in their faith. We can no longer practice faith as though we lived on an island. Our religious life must reflect a value system which is both parochial and international. Everything that happens to us and to the world is linked. Worship and witness must express this fact.

If we agree with Bishop Tutu: "You and I know we worship a God that cares," then we will have difficulty separating out areas of life that we can comfortably ignore.

## UF grant goes to Red Cross for disasters

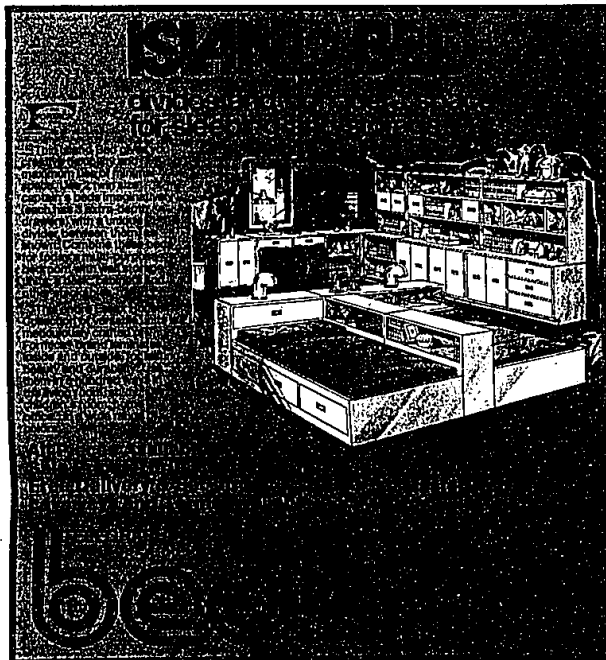
The United Foundation presented a check for \$418,338 to the American Red Cross-Southeastern Michigan Chapter for disaster assistance in the United States.

The UF allocation is part of a \$20 million nationwide campaign to help replenish the national Red Cross disaster fund.

"This contribution is possible because of the generosity of thousands of individual metropolitan Detroiters and corporations who gave to the United Foundation," said UF First vice-chairman, Walter J. McCarthy Jr., chairman, Detroit Edison Co.

He presented the check to Red Cross Past Chapter Chairman Elliot Phillips, currently a member of the board of directors and executive committee.

According to local Red Cross officials, the disaster fund is depleted. From July 1 through Oct. 29, 1985, \$34,562,800 in national disaster funds were committed by the American Red Cross and since that time, the disaster fund has been overexpended by \$13 million.



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