

Motor Vehicle Fire Safety

Automobile, trucks and other motor vehicles are made of many synthetic materials that emit harmful, if not deadly gases when they burn. A vehicle fire can generate heat upwards of 1500 degrees. Flames from burning vehicles can often shoot out distances of 10 feet or more. Parts of the vehicle can burst because of heat, shooting debris great distances. Battery acid can cause injury without burning into flames. Although relatively rare, gas tanks can rupture, spray flammable fuel and explode.

- Get yourself and all others out of and away from the vehicle. After you are safely away from the vehicle, call 911.
- Use only Class "B" or Class "C" fire extinguishers and spray at a safe distance.
- Do not open the hood or trunk if you suspect a fire under them. Air can rush in, enlarge the fire and flames.