

**You can be a
tunnel safety
“insider.”**



**The FHWA is
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our partners make
road tunnels safer.**

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**Call 911 from
your cell phone
to report emergencies**



ROAD TUNNEL SAFETY



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TUNNEL INSIDER TIPS

When Entering...

- Stay alert!
- Turn on your headlights.
- Obey all traffic signs, signals and pavement markings.
- If you notice smoke near the tunnel entrance, do not enter.
- Stop only in the event of emergencies.
- Listen to the radio for important traffic updates.
- Maintain a safe distance from other vehicles, even if traffic is moving slowly.
- If your car is smoking or burning, never enter a tunnel.

In Congested Traffic...

- Listen to the radio for important traffic updates.
- Maintain a safe distance from other vehicles, even if traffic is moving slowly.
- Note the location of fire extinguishers and emergency phones and exits so that you can easily find them if needed.
- Follow the instructions of tunnel officials and/or electronic message signs.

If There's a Fire...

- Stop, turn off the engine, and exit your vehicle immediately.
- Leave your keys and all belongings.
- Call 911 from your cell phone or use an emergency phone, if easily accessible, to call for assistance.
- If possible, put out the fire using a fire extinguisher. If not possible, locate the nearest emergency exit and leave the tunnel immediately.
- When exiting, assist others who may need help to exit the tunnel safely.

FIRE AND SMOKE CAN KILL. SAVE YOUR LIFE – NOT YOUR CAR!