**Car Care Check list**

**DO this activity-->** When you are finished watching this video go to your own car and identify the following:

* **Dashboard warning lights** (either on your dash or in the instruction manual) and review what each light means.
* **Tires-**

1. Locate your spare.
2. Learn how to remove the spare tire from YOUR particular car.
3. Locate the jack and identify where to safely place it to change a tire.
4. Identify the lug wrench to remove the lug nuts on your tires.
5. Locate your tire pressure gauge and where to find the proper tire pressure for YOUR car.
6. Check the tread on YOUR tires.

* **Check your oil-**

1. Know how to raise and prop the hood on YOUR car.
2. Locate the oil dipstick.
3. Check your oil level properly.
4. Look in your manual to know what kind of oil YOUR car requires.

* **Check your windshield washer fluid-**

1. Locate the windshield washer tank(s) under the hood.
2. Identify what you use to fill this tank. (It's not water!)

* **Wiper blades-**

1. Measure each blade and record in your manual the sizes you would need to buy if you were to replace them.
2. Identify where you turn on and how to adjust your windshield wipers inside your car.
3. Locate how to turn on your windshield washer fluid from inside your car and practice cleaning your windshields with it and your wipers.

* **Battery-**

1. Locate your battery under your hood.
2. Locate the positive and negative terminals. (How do you know which is which?)
3. Locate your jumper cables and review how to use them.
4. Identify a solid metal area you could use too ground a cable.

* **Gas tank-**

1. Which side of the car is your gas tank on? How can you tell from your dashboard? (Hint: the little triangle arrow next to the gas tank gauge)
2. Is there a gas tank release lever for your car? If so, locate it.
3. Discuss or discover the type of gas to put in your car.

* **Lights-** Demonstrate how and when to use each:

1. Headlights
2. High beams (bright lights)
3. Fog lights (if you have them)
4. Brake lights
5. Turn signals
6. Emergency flashers (Hazard lights)
7. Interior lights

* **Brakes & Drive-**

1. Discover if your car has front-wheel ABS, All wheel ABS or a different braking system.
2. Discover if your car has Front-wheel, Rear-wheel, or All-wheel drive.
3. Research what advantages and disadvantages YOUR braking & drive system has in different types of road conditions and how to handle it best.

* **Windshield Defrosters-**

1. Locate how to turn on the front (and rear, if you have them) windshield defrosters.

* **Vehicle Identification Number-**

1. Locate the vehicle identification number (VIN) for YOUR car.

* **Important papers to locate-**

1. Proof of insurance must be with you in the car (wallet or glove box)
2. Registration (Proof of ownership of car must be with you in the car)
3. License (Usually kept in your wallet or purse)
4. Roadside assistance plan card or numbers (if you have one)
5. Emergency ICE- "in case of emergency" numbers (Your name/#, Parent name/home,cell,office #, local emergency and non-emergency numbers.
6. Owner's manual (usually kept in glove box)

* **Additional suggested supplies-**   
  Consider adding to your trunk

1. A collapsible gas can
2. Windshield ice scraper & snow brush (depending on the weather in your area)
3. First Aid Kit
4. Extra bottle of water and weather specific emergency kit (such as extra blankets and collapsible shovel for winter weather)
5. Duct tape (for temporary repairs)
6. Flares and/or safety triangle, reflective safety vest
7. Flashlight (battery-less)
8. Extra windshield washer fluid, anti-freeze.
9. Work gloves