



# Belmont Motor Repairs

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## Handy Hints: Holiday Motoring

1. **TOWING** When towing, don't attach the rope to any steering, suspension equipment, rear axle or bumper. See your owner's manual for the correct towing procedure.
2. **BUSHFIRE** if you're caught in a bushfire: park in the clearest area you can find, wind up all windows, cover yourself with rugs, jackets, etc. and tuck yourself under the dashboard.
3. **SLEEP AT HOME, NOT AT THE WHEEL** Around 30% of serious crashes are the direct result of motorists who insist on driving on, even when they know they're too tired to continue.
4. **SAVE PETROL** You use 25% less fuel at 90km/h than you do at 110km/h.
5. **MINTIES COME IN HANDY** To temporarily fix a hole in your petrol or radiator tank, a half-chewed Mintie can act as a sufficient seal until you can limp to a service station.
6. **BLOW-OUT** if this occurs, do not make sharp changes in direction, don't brake or use the clutch. Ease up on the accelerator and if the blow-out was a front wheel, use the handbrake (gently) to gradually slow the vehicle.
7. **CAR SICKNESS** To avoid it, try sitting in the most 'stable' part of the vehicle. Don't move around too much, and look at the horizon, rather than at the road or trees.
8. **OVERTAKING** The 'blind spot' can be a real killer. Before overtaking, take a quick glance over your shoulder to see if a car is in your 'blind spot'. It can take 1.5 kilometres to overtake a truck travelling at 100km/h. Make sure you have a clear road ahead.