

“EMERGENCY”

Road Tripping With Kids Checklist

A checklist for non-emergency “emergencies” during long road trips with kids.

Don't Forget To Pack:

- Movies** - pack a whole CD flip book full if you have a DVD player, if not, load some up on a tablet!
- Batteries** - make sure you have sizes for everything in the car
- Kleenex** - noses will run.
- Band-aids** - because someone always get a hangnail
- Baby Wipes** - because even if you don't pack anything sticky, someone will somehow end up sticky
- Fabreeze** - because if you have a boy, your care will smell. And he will be proud of it.
- Plastic Bags** - Keep a plastic bag full of other plastic bags because you will need them for garbage. If there's a kid sitting way in the back, give them their own to fill up. Toss them all when you get gas and start fresh.
- Pain Relievers** - you will get a headache
- Music** - update your music playlist, and create a playlist of the kids favourites too.
- Chargers** - for every phone, tablet, and video game you've packed
- Kids Toy Bins** - organized options keep them busy!
- Surprise Bags** - little surprises help redirect when they start getting crazy.
- Restaurant Kit** - Put some blank sheets of paper and a box of crayons in a zip-lock bag and keep it in your purse for when the get crazy at a restaurant.
- Blankets** - have a small blanket for each kid
- Travel Pillows** - I don't know why, but my kids will sleep when I ask them to as long as they have a travel pillow. Kids are weird.

Before you leave:

- Clean Your Car** - it's just so much nicer starting off a long drive in a sparkly clean car!
- Get A Car Wash** - Don't forget about the outside!
- Change Your Oil** - piece of mind is priceless on long trips
- Change Your Air Filters** - get rid of any yucky, musty smells before you leave
- Check Your Tires** - Make sure there's air in them, and that they're good to go for a long drive.
- Fill Up Your Tank** - The last thing you want to do when you leave is have to stop for gas right away!

