

Every Day Carry

In the world of preppers, those who legally carry firearms for personal protection, often refer to *Every Day Carry*, or *E.D.C.* That term need not exclusively be used by those groups, but can apply to all of us. What EDC means is; those everyday things in your personal possession, every time you leave home and venture into public. For most of us those things are as basic as our purse or wallet, containing among other things, your driver's license or other identification, cash and or credit card(s), house and car keys, perhaps a wrist watch and of course the ever-present cell phone. I think that I can safely say that would apply to most of us going about our daily lives.

What if you are not at home, or not close to home when a disaster of some sort comes your way? Imagine being in Fred Meyer, Wal-Mart, a local restaurant, movie theater, or other place when suddenly everything changes. Suppose you are on your way to Costco, driving over the Pass when everything literally comes to a screeching halt. Depending on the nature of the event (here I go with another worse case scenario), the roads and highway are at a standstill, there is no cell phone signal and you're stuck away from home.



What if it's night time, or soon will be. The weather could be clear and dry, rain or snow. Between Portland city limits and Scappoose, there may be, on a typical day, one or two police officers on patrol. **Maybe.** In an EMP (electro magnetic pulse) scenario, with everything at a stand-still, responders are stuck in dead cars with dead radios just like the rest of us.



Do you have a plan to stay with your car, or try to walk home? Are you wearing tee shirt, shorts and flip-flops? It may be a good idea to prepare for such a situation, although it'll probably never happen, but.....

Think about keeping some equipment and supplies similar to your bug-out-bag in your car. Flashlights, raincoat, umbrella, dry, warm clothes (even during summer it can get

cold at night), a hat, comfortable walking shoes, food and water. Plus anything else you think of, which might come in handy.

On your person, in addition to the things commonly in your pocket or purse, consider a small LED flashlight and small pocket knife and small survival tool. You may also want to think about self defense. It can be a scary world “*out there.*”

Have you watched the movie “*Die Hard*?” In it, the hero is caught in a situation where he must survive, or die trying. The trouble is, he isn’t wearing shoes. He has to engage a group of terrorists (it is Hollywood after all) in his stocking feet, and eventually finds himself in a position where he must walk (run) barefoot over broken glass, with predictable results. That demonstrates you never know what is going to be thrown your way.

